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## Teen gets musicians to aid Katrina victims

Inspired by rock concerts spotlighting world poverty, a high school student came up with 'Gaucha Aid'

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito High School senior Sophie Mayer had heard about Live 8, the July 1 rock concerts intended to put a spotlight on world poverty.

"I got the idea for using entertainment and music to sort of raise money," said Sophie, 17. "I

### IF YOU GO:

- **WHAT:** "Gaucha Aid: A Benefit for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina"
- **WHEN:** Noon-5 p.m. Saturday
- **WHERE:** El Cerrito High School football field, 540 Ashbury Ave.
- **COST:** \$5
- **INFORMATION:** Call 510-236-5736 or e-mail [taggiri1012@aol.com](mailto:taggiri1012@aol.com)

thought it would be a good way for people young and old to be interested and contribute while having fun."

The result is "Gaucha Aid: A Benefit for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina." Headlined by local keyboardist and producer Frank Martin, it will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at the high school football field, 540 Ashbury Ave.

It makes sense that Live 8 inspired Sophie. She said her parents have emphasized the importance of helping others less fortunate.

In college, she intends to join the Peace Corps and Habitat for Humanity. After college, she's considering going to nursing

school and joining Doctors Without Borders.

After getting the idea for the event last May, she attended a World Expo event in Aichi, Japan, while visiting her grandparents.

There, she saw images of world poverty in a United Nations slide show. She decided the concert would raise money for UNICEF.

Then the hurricane hit. Like other Americans, she witnessed the devastation on television but

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EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL senior Sophie Mayer, 17, organized "Gaucha Aid: A Benefit for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina."

## Sports facility now a field of dreams

Upper field at Canyon Trail Park gets a makeover with new drainage and irrigation systems and sod

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — For youth sports, it was something less than a field of dreams.

With inadequate drainage and irrigation, the grass at the upper field at Canyon Trail Park off Cutting Boulevard had been deteriorating for a few years. Last season, it hit its nadir, said Manish Doshi, the president of the El Cerrito Soccer Club. "It literally smelled like sewage," he said.

With cooperation from the local youth baseball and soccer clubs and adjacent Prospect Sierra School, the city opened a newly renovated field Oct. 1, just in time for the school's annual Panther picnic held last Sunday.

While youth sports leaders are thrilled with the new facility, it also highlights a familiar refrain in the East Bay: a lack of sports fields.

Membership in the El Cerrito Soccer Club has more than doubled over the past four years, said Doshi. It has 520 members ranging in age from 4 to 18, up from 240 members in 2001, he said.

"We're cramming more teams into less space," Doshi said. "Membership is growing, but there's no space to put them, so we're putting them in the existing space we have. It's not just El Cerrito — Berkeley has a huge problem; Albany has a huge problem also."

In El Cerrito, the problem has been compounded by school renovations. The West Contra Costa school district placed El Cerrito High School's portable campus on sports fields while that school under-



THE SABERCATS, an under-10 El Cerrito Soccer Club girls team, practice on the new field at Canyon Trails Park on Wednesday. The city opened the newly renovated upper field last week after installing a new subsurface drainage system, modifying the irrigation, and leveling off the field to eliminate bumps and slopes.

goes reconstruction.

Field space at Harding Elementary School has temporarily vanished for the same reason, said Recreation Director Monica Kortz.

"In general, there's always been a lack

of fields," Kortz said. "That's why the city supported the Gilman sports field project in Berkeley."

That project — a joint effort supported by five cities, including Emeryville, Richmond and Albany, State Parks and other

local organizations — received a major boost recently when the state awarded two \$1 million grants toward construction. Four of the five sports fields are now

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## Parcel tax measure effort in full swing

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The campaign for the Measure A parcel tax is in full swing, with 50 volunteers pledging to canvass the town until election day, Nov. 8.

"People are still not really tuned into the election yet," said Miriam Walden, an Albany school board member and Measure A proponent. "We find when going door to door, people are just beginning to realize there's an election and they need to have an opinion about things."

As of Sept. 24, the campaign in favor of the tax — Yes for Albany Schools Measure A — had raised \$6,116.15 in cash and donated services.

Though not everyone supports the measure, a campaign against it has not emerged.

The campaign raised \$1,158 in contributions under \$100. The cash balance consists primarily of contributions from Albany residents contributing \$100 or more.

The contributions include \$100 from Margaret Romero, the superintendent of finance for the school district, as well as \$1,000 from Lozano Smith, a Fresno-based law firm that works with the district, according to Walden.

Two Albany school district principals contributed \$100. Albany-based Hot Damn Graphics contributed campaign literature services worth \$2,300.

So far, the Measure A campaign has spent \$3,560.36, according to campaign finance documents.

Walden said a handful of volunteers knocked on the doors of 950 homes last weekend and will continue going door to door every weekend until the election. A volunteer meeting with Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Sheila Jordan, the superintendent for the Alameda County Office of Education, and Albany Mayor Robert Good is scheduled for Oct. 27.

If approved by a two-thirds majority, the measure starting July 1 would charge homeowners \$250 per home annually and commercial property owners 5 cents per square foot of space, or \$250 per parcel, whichever is higher. The tax would increase annually at the rate of inflation.

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## Construction at school called dangerous

Parents, teachers and students complain of unsafe conditions during construction at Harding Elementary School

By Shirley Dang  
STAFF WRITER

Bulldozers and ABCs don't mix, according to teachers and parents at Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito.

Swirls of dust have made children ill, they say, and construction crews regularly endanger the school's 300 students by driving trucks, backhoes and other heavy equipment on campus during busy times such as dismissal and recess with few safeguards or warnings.

"The only barriers between the equipment and the students

were caution tape and mesh that had fallen down," said teacher Margaret Breeding. "The lack of management on this project is unacceptable."

Harding parents, teachers and students formed a safety committee in August and took their complaints to the West Contra Costa school board last week. The school started a \$10.5 million renovation two years ago and is a year behind schedule.

Vince Kilmartin, an associate superintendent of operations, told the committee he would fix the problem by sending Lance Jackson, the district's head construction manager from the Seville Group, Inc., to watch over the site.

The committee has met with Jackson before, members said.

"Promises are being made," said mother Sharon Johnson.

"They're not being kept."

Parents and staff members said they are tired of the mini-dust storms and the project's slow progress, and, more significantly, what they called negligent behavior.

In one instance, a backhoe operator scooped up a pile of dirt and maneuvered it over a fence so that the material passed over the heads of students, Breeding said.

The first day of school, said mother Margaret Wolfe, a driver slammed into a basketball pole and speedily drove off.

"The driver left without seeing what he had hit," Wolfe said. "If he can't see a 15-foot pole, how will he see my 4-foot-tall child?"

Jackson apologized to the families.

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

### Morning stroll

WITH SIGNS and a police escort, Madera Elementary School students Madeline McCoun, left, and Jonah Leland lead the walk to school along Arlington Boulevard in El Cerrito on Wednesday. Schools around the East Bay held Walk to School Day on Wednesday as a means to promote health and alternative forms of transportation to school.

### At the Library

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Fire Department offers First Aid class

The Albany Fire Department is offering a CPR/First Aid class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The Heartsaver FACTS course combines adult CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator and basic life-first-aid procedures. Students will learn how to perform adult and pediatric CPR; relieve an airway obstruction; and use a barrier device during rescue breathing. They will also receive an overview of provider first aid for acute injuries and sudden illnesses.

The cost is \$35, which includes a text and course completion card. Residents can register by calling the fire department at 510-528-5770.

— Alan Lopez

## Council public hearing on affordable housing

The Albany City Council will hold a hearing on a proposed ordinance that would encourage affordable housing in the city at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the City Council Chamber, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

If approved by the City Council, the inclusionary housing ordinance would require developers building more than five units of housing to set aside 15 percent of those units for households with low or very low incomes. The alternative would be to pay the city a fee potentially equal to 15 percent of the project's value.

For more information, call 510-528-5760.

— Alan Lopez

## El Cerrito

## Woman claims she was kidnapped

A woman reported to police that she was kidnapped and robbed after shopping at the Dollar Tree Store at 2:45 p.m. on Sept. 30.

While loading the merchandise into her trunk, a man and woman directed her into her car at gunpoint and demanded money, according to a police press release.

Since she didn't have any, they had her drive them to her home, where they took her jewelry. She was then forced to drive them to the Bank of America at Macdonald and San Pablo avenues. The couple left her there and ran off.

On Wednesday, El Cerrito Police Corp. Don Horgan said he had no new information on the case and no arrests have been made.

— Alan Lopez

## Citizens stop beating at bus stop

A diner and employee who stopped a man suspected of beating another man with a metal bar in front of a Denny's restaurant on San Pablo Avenue likely saved the victim's life, police said.

The men were sitting and drinking at a bus stop at San Pablo and Potrero avenues at around 1:50 a.m. last Friday when police received a report of the beating from witnesses inside Denny's.

Police arrested the man after a diner and Denny's employee calmed the suspect and brought him inside the restaurant, El Cerrito police Sgt. Shawn Maples said.

"Luckily," said Maples, "citizens interceded and put a stop to it and probably saved his life."

Police arrested Timothy Morris, a 43-year-old homeless Richmond man. He will be charged with attempted murder.

Eric Jensen, a 46-year-old homeless El Cerrito man, was transported to Doctor's Medical Center in San Pablo where he was treated and released.

"It's not known if they got into an argument or if he just picked up a pipe and started beating him," Maples said. "The victim wasn't in a position to make a statement."

— Alan Lopez

## Police arrest second El Cerrito student

Police arrested a second El Cerrito High School student in connection with last week's discovery of a 14-year-old carrying a handgun on campus.

The second suspect, a 16-year-old El Cerrito resident, approached school officials the morning of Sept. 29 and admitted that he supplied the .40 caliber handgun that officers found the previous Monday in the first suspect's waistband, said police Cpl. Don Horgan.

"(The second suspect) said he had just found it on campus," Horgan said.

A witness saw the handgun with the first suspect's clothing in a locker room during physical education class and later reported it to West Contra Costa school district police, who called city police.

City police on Monday afternoon found the first suspect sitting in class. He had the weapon tucked into his waistband.

The suspects are cousins and are held at Juvenile Hall in Martinez on suspicion of possessing a firearm on a public school campus, a felony.

— Karl Fischer

## Kensington

## Positions open on advisory council

Residents are invited to apply for three positions on the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council opening at the end of the year.

The council advises the county's community development department on land-use, planning, zoning, variance applications, code enforcement, and code changes. It also advises the Board of Supervisors on county services, community concerns and, in addition, acts as a liaison between Kensington and District 1 Supervisor John Gioia.

Applications are available at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. or by calling Kate Rauch at Gioia's office at 510-374-3231. Applications are due Friday, Oct. 28.

— Alan Lopez

## Contra Costa

## Supervisor seeks committee members

Supervisor John Gioia is seeking candidates to fill the District 1 seats on the Arts and Culture Commission, the economic opportunity council and the Aviation Advisory Committee. District 1 consists of Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito, and the unincorporated communities of Kensington, North Richmond, El Sobrante and Montalvin Manor.

Gioia is also looking for candidates for at-large seats on the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board. At-large members can be from anywhere in the county.

For more information and to apply, call Kate Rauch, Gioia's district coordinator, at 510-374-3231.

— Alan Lopez

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Tuesday, Sept. 27

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a white 1994 Chrysler Caravan parked in the parking garage at 545 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

■ **TOYOTA RECOVERED** — Officers investigated a white Toyota Camry parked in the no-parking zone on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue and discovered that it had been reported as stolen from Richmond. The owner was notified.

■ **BMX BIKE STOLEN** — Between noon and 5 p.m. someone stole a red BMX bike from Albany Middle School on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ **TIRE SLASHED** — An El Cerrito woman reported that between 3:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. someone slashed the rear passenger side tire of her white 2001 VW Jetta while it was parked on the basketball court at Albany Middle School.

## Wednesday, Sept. 28

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 22-year-old Albany man driving a white 2004 Lexus SUV near San Pablo and Fairmont avenues for DUI.

■ **VANDALISM** — Someone kicked out the windshield and damaged the door of a green 1996 Subaru Legacy parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a blue 1995 Honda Accord parked in a garage on

the 1100 block of Marin Avenue.

■ **BURGLARY ATTEMPT** — A resident on the 800 block of Carmel Avenue reported that someone attempted to break into the home using a ladder.

## Thursday, Sept. 29

■ **CHEVROLET PICKUP STOLEN** — Someone stole a white Chevrolet pickup parked on the 1000 block of Ordway Street during the night.

■ **ROBBERY AND ATTACK** — An Albany man reported that he was attacked by a man near Polk and Buchanan streets. The man had a gun and demanded money. When the Albany man refused, the robber hit him on the head with the gun, then fled in a blue Toyota Camry driven by a woman. The car was last seen traveling north on Polk Street toward Solano Avenue. Police are investigating.

■ **SATURN STOLEN** — Someone stole a black 1993 Saturn that was parked on the 1500 block of Posen Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **SCOOTER STOLEN** — During the day someone stole a scooter and helmet from Albany Middle School on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A woman reported that sometime between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. someone stole items out of a green Subaru Legacy that was parked on the 800 block of San Gabriel Avenue. She found a flashlight in the car that the thieves had left behind.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Wednesday, Sept. 26

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Change and a check book were taken from a vehicle on the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard sometime between 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 and 8:30 a.m. the next day. The driver's door lock had been pried open.

## Thursday, Sept. 27

■ **CAMRY RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1990 Toyota Camry at 11155 San Pablo Ave. at 10:54 p.m. The vehicle had been reported stolen to San Pablo police.

## Wednesday, Sept. 28

■ **WALLET STOLEN** — It was reported to police that several people pushed down a student and stole his wallet during lunch at noon at El Cerrito High School. Although witnessed by numerous students, no description or identification of the suspects was provided.

■ **AUTO BREAK-INS** — Five vehicles were broken into overnight on the

800 and 1000 blocks of Lexington Avenue and Liberty Street and the 6400 block of Waldo Lane. Windows were smashed and stereos and other property were taken.

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — A 1991 Toyota Camry was taken from the 800 block of Sea View Drive sometime between 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **ACCORD STOLEN** — A 1990 Honda Accord was taken from San Diego at Santa Clara streets sometime between Sept. 28 and Sept. 30.

■ **VAN BURGLARIZED** — A Dodge van was ransacked on the 1700 block of Ganges Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. on Sept. 28 and 7:40 a.m. the next day. Whoever ransacked the vehicle took an electric razor and change.

## Thursday, Sept. 29

■ **CAMRY RANSACKED** — A Toyota Camry was ransacked sometime between 8 a.m. on Sept. 29 and 8:10 a.m. the next day on the 2300 block of Tulare Avenue. There was no loss of property.

## Friday, Sept. 30

■ **NUMEROUS BREAK-INS** — During the night numerous windows were smashed and items stolen from cars that were parked on the 500 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, 600 block of Cleveland Avenue, 700 block of Calhoun Street, 800 block of Solano Avenue and the 700 block of Jackson Street.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — A blue 1986 Toyota pickup was stolen while parked on the 1000 block of Neilson Street during the night.

■ **CAR THIEF ARRESTED** — At about 11:30 p.m. officers stopped a white 1988 Acura on the 500 block of Pierce Street for a vehicle code violation. The car was found to be stolen, and police arrested the driver, a Richmond man, for possession of stolen property.

## Saturday, Oct. 1

■ **BAR FIGHT** — At about 1 a.m. officers responded to two calls regarding a fight breaking out at the Club Malard on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue that included using pool cues as weapons. Four people were arrested for battery, cited and released.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a burgundy-colored 1996 Toyota Corolla parked on the 500 block of Adams Street.

■ **DUI** — At about 3 p.m., officers arrested a man driving a blue 1994 Nissan Pathfinder on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue for DUI.

## Sunday, Oct. 2

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers arrested a man driving a green 1997 Toyota near San Pablo Avenue and Central Avenue for DUI.

■ **TWO ARRESTED** — Security at the Target Store on the 1100 block Eastshore reported having a 17-year-old boy in custody for stealing. His mother was with him and appeared to have been encouraging him. When officers arrived, they investigated a third member of the group, a 24-year-old Oakland man, and arrested him for an outstanding Oakland warrant.

## Monday, Oct. 3

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a brown 1986 Honda Civic parked on the 700 block of Madison Street.

## Weekly summary

During the week of Sept. 26, officers towed 23 vehicles parked on streets being resurfaced, responded to 10 false alarms, attended to three injured animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to a report of a barking dog. In the domestic arena, officers responded to 12 civil disturbances and 140 civil suits. Officers stopped 98 vehicles, issuing 21 citations and warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to six medical emergencies.

— Kristina O.

## Fraud suspect arrested during potential scam

■ **Police allegedly see a parolee with previous convictions working on deal with an elderly target**

By Karl Fischer

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Police Chief Scott Kirkland arrested a fraud suspect at El Cerrito Plaza last week after watching her approach a potential victim.

Kirkland and Sgt. Mike Regan walked into the mall about 1 p.m. on Sept. 27 and saw a well-dressed woman carrying a note and talking to an elderly man. When the police made eye contact with the woman, she abruptly turned and walked away.

Kirkland and Regan stopped 47-year-old Dorothy Woodard and found she was a parolee with previous "pigeon-drop" scam convictions. Police arrested her after finding she carried paraphernalia to commit the same crime, said police Cpl. Don Horgan.

Pigeon-drop or "Jamaican switch" scams involve a suspect approaching a victim in a public

place. Suspects say they have to leave the country quickly but want to give a large sum of money to a charity before they leave.

They flash a large roll of bills, along with official-looking documents showing why they have the cash, and an excuse for why they cannot take it with them.

An accomplice posing as a passer-by joins the conversation, encouraging the victim to help deliver the money to the intended charity. The suspects ask the victim to withdraw money to prove they are trustworthy and do not need the cash intended for charity.

If the victim withdraws his or her own money, the suspects hide it in a bandanna with their cash, which is fake, and pray over it for a few moments. The bundle is handed back to the victim, and

the suspects leave — with the victim's money.

The victim winds up with the fake rolls of cash in the bandanna, which are usually cut-up pieces of newspaper.

This happens with alarming frequency in the city's shopping areas, police say.

"It's not just at the holidays any more. We see it year-round," said detective Sgt. Shawn Maples. "It's really important for people who work at banks and supermarkets to be cognizant of elderly people making overly large withdrawals or payments. Take an ex-

tra second to engage them in conversation, find out what's going on."

Scam artists tend to target older victims because the elderly are stereotyped as more trusting and less streetwise than other members of the population.

Woodard had begun the scam when police arrived, Maples said, so she was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy, attempted parole violations, and booked at County Jail in Martinez.

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# Relationship with dad better than it ever was

TODAY IS the 30th anniversary of the day my father died.

The odd thing is that I feel closer to him now than I ever did when he was alive.

When I was growing up, Dad was a mystery to me. I knew next to nothing about his life before he married my mother. All that I knew is that he'd grown up in Buffalo, N.Y., and left town as soon as he could. He never talked about his family, beyond the fact that he had two brothers named Barney and Sam.

He went to Harvard Law School but dropped out before graduation. The year was 1932, the height of the Great Depression, and he couldn't afford to go back and get his degree. He never forgave himself. He hated himself for not being a lawyer, and it was his lifelong dream that I should go to Harvard — first the college, then the law school — and make it up for him.

He even named me Martin Jr., which is a huge taboo in Jewish culture. (You're not supposed to name a baby after a living person.)

Every night after dinner we'd take the dog for a walk, and he'd tell me how much he was counting on me. For years afterward I'd get a knot in the pit of my stomach, and I'd think, "That damned dog!"

But, of course, it wasn't the damned dog; it was the damned dad.

Then, in April of my senior year of high school, the college acceptance/rejection letters arrived. I didn't get into Harvard. Dad was crushed. He didn't speak to me for months.

By this time, we really couldn't talk to each other. He couldn't forgive me for not living his dreams, and I couldn't forgive him for trying to make me live them.

But after he died, my sister and I decided to search for our long-lost relatives. I got a Buffalo phone book and found a listing for Sandy Snapp.

I called him and said, "You don't know me from Adam, but I think I might be your cousin."

It turned out his late father was named Sam, and his uncle was named Barney. And there was a family legend about a third brother who went to California and was never heard from again. This was starting to look promising.



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

As I said, my relationship with Dad is better than ever. Too bad we couldn't have done it while he was still here.

So my sister and I flew to Buffalo, despite some last-minute trepidations. What if he isn't really our relative? What if he turns out to be a creep?

We needn't have worried. As Sandy walked up to the gate to meet us, my sister and I did a double take: He looked more like my father than we did.

And he and his family couldn't have been nicer. We spent almost a week talking and poring over family pictures, and I finally began to understand.

I found out that our family was literally the poorest family in town. Neither of Dad's brothers made it past high school. Everyone, including my grandmother, went to work to put him through law school.

Think of the guilt he must have felt for not becoming a lawyer. He couldn't go back and face them.

If only he had, he'd have found out that as far as they were concerned there was nothing to apologize for.

Since then, not a day has gone by when I haven't thought about him. Whenever something new pops up, whether it's Bill Clinton or Britney Spears, I always wonder, "What would Dad have thought about that?"

As I said, my relationship with Dad is better than ever. Too bad we couldn't have done it while he was still here.

But I have one consolation: Even though he couldn't go home again, I can.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

## PET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 10-month-old female Aussie mix, blue merle; 6-month-old male shepherd mix, white and brown; 10-month-old male terrier mix, gray; 10-month-old male terrier mix, golden; 2-year-old male spaniel mix, brown; 3-month-old male Labrador/Great Dane mix, brown; 2-year-old female poodle mix, white; 7-month-old male cattle dog mix, red speckled.

Cats: 6-year-old female DSH, black; 4-year-old female DLH, tortoiseshell; 3-year-old male DSH, orange tabby; 8-year-old female DSH, tortie; 4-year-old female DSH dilute, tortoiseshell; 1-year-old male DLH/Maine Coon, black tabby; 3-year-old female DSH, white and black; 5-month-old male DSH, black and white; 5-month-old male DSH, gray tabby; 5-year-old female DSH, black; kittens of various ages, sizes and colors.

(DLH: domestic long hair; DMH: domestic medium hair; DSH: domestic short hair).

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100; rabbits \$40 — including neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The



TUCKER is a 7-month-old male red speckled cattle dog mix, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Tucker loves to run, fetch and play with squeaky toys. He needs a little work on his leash manners but is walking rather nicely on a harness. For more information about Tucker or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

## FACES AND PLACES

### Scout blazes a path to Eagle status

Paul Ford of Albany Boy Scout Troop 14 was honored by his troop for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout at Court of Honor ceremonies Sept. 19 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Albany.

For his Eagle project Ford worked last spring on Lower Glendale Path, between Campus Drive and Queens Road. He planned and supervised cleaning, grading and installing steps on a section of the trail.

Ford joined Troop 14 from Cub Scout Pack 3 in 1998, and was patrol leader in 2000-01. He was part of the troop's trip to Philmont in 2002, which included a 50-mile backpack excursion at the rugged Boy Scout camp in New Mexico.

Ford was the senior patrol leader in 2003-04 and a regular participant in the troop's camping, back packing and community service activities. His scoutmasters have been Forrest Frasier, Blake Yeaman, Tom Bell and current troop leader David Gallegos.

Ford graduated last spring from Albany High School, and is now studying health sciences at the University of Oregon.

His parents are Dave and Sue Ford of Albany. Dave Ford is well-known in El Cerrito, where he has had a dental practice for 40 years.

—Chris Treadway

The second annual Terrace Park beautification day will be held Saturday in Albany. Residents should meet at the park entrance at Terrace and Tevlin streets at 9 a.m., and bring gloves and gardening tools to complete projects around the neighborhood park.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. The city's volunteer program and Albany Middle School eighth graders are sponsoring the event. For more information, call Barbie Gary at 510-559-7222.

—Alan Lopez

The Albany Fire Department will hold an open house and pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the fire station, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

Residents will learn to use a fire extinguisher and smoke detector, see fire engines and ambulances, win prizes and more. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

The event coincides with fire-prevention week, Oct. 9-15. This year, the National Fire Protection Agency is reminding people to use candles with care and to extinguish them when not attended. For information, call 510-528-5770.

—Alan Lopez

A discussion on preparing students to be involved citizens will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Albany High School library, 603 Key Route Blvd.

The discussion will ask: how to help tomorrow's leaders grow stronger; how to help each student succeed; what knowledge students should acquire by graduation; and the skills they should learn to become effective adults.

Darrick Smith, the founder of TryUMF, Oakland Tech's successful empowerment program, will speak.

The discussion is sponsored by the high school Parent Ed Committee, consisting of parents and school district faculty. They are: Merry Selk, Deborah Krow, Monica Frame, Judith McFadin, Lois Peterson, Parnaz Foroutan, Kevin James, Marieta Hanson, Ned Purdom, Tami Benuau and Ron Rosenbaum.

For more information, call 510-524-1733.

—Alan Lopez

# Neighbors



CHRIS TREADWAY  
PAUL FORD of Albany Scout Troop 14 was honored last month for his work on Lower Glendale Path. He planned and supervised cleaning, grading and installing steps on a section of the trail.



VINCE LIPINSKI  
BERKELEY'S TROOP 19 marches during the parade at last month's Solano Stroll. The Herms District will hold its annual Scout EXPO at Veterans Memorial Park in Albany on Saturday. Local troops will be on hand to talk with prospective members.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF  
CAROLINE SECKINGER talks with Arabelle Schoenberg, 9, about what needs to be cleaned next as they fix up one of seven apartments last Saturday on Seventh Street in Berkeley for families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito and local affiliates of Rebuilding Together, the nation's largest volunteer-based organization involved in rehabilitating housing, partnered with the city of Berkeley and local businesses to repair and renovate the homes. Three families were scheduled to move in this week.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is looking for donors, sellers and buyers for its White Elephant Sale taking place Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at CCCT, 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Sellers can rent selling space for \$20. Donors can contact the theater at 510-524-6654 or by e-mail at ccct@sonic.net. Buyers can simply show up Saturday for bargains, food and music. Proceeds benefit CCCT.

CHRIS TREADWAY  
Edward Hess of Boy Scout Troop 6 in Berkeley has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the 125th produced by the troop, which was established in 1929.

Hess, whose parents are Paul and Elza Hess of Albany, will be acknowledged at a Court of Honor ceremony later this year.

For his Eagle project, Hess staged a book collection campaign at Bentley School's two campuses in Lafayette and Oakland. Donations were then collected, sorted and cataloged by students, parents and Scouts for use in the small library at Crowden School in Berkeley, where Edward Hess' brother, Joshua, attends.

The donations have doubled the size of the library at Crowden, including a 300 percent increase in the number of fiction volumes. Crowden had to buy new shelving to accommodate the addition of books.

Hess, who is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, has enrolled as an Allan Scholar at Hampden-Sydney College, where he will study classical languages.

—Chris Treadway

The Herms District Scout EXPO 2005 will be held Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park in Albany, 1325 Portland Ave. The event

will be on the lawn area west of the entrance, and will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All packs, troops and crews are invited to set up a table, display, or have someone on hand to talk to prospective members.

For more information, contact Al Olson at 925-674-6121 or Vince Lipinski at 510-547-3611.

—Craig Lazzarotti

Noche Tropical, the second annual art exhibit and silent auction benefit for Albany's SchoolCARE, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Albany community center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Eleven Albany artists have donated original paintings, photos and collages to the October exhibit at the Albany community center, "Noche Tropical Art Exhibit 05." The artwork is available for bid by silent auction for the duration of the exhibit.

The Albany Community Center Gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

Among the artists in the exhibit are Guggenheim winner Bill Dane, who is represented locally by Fraenkel Gallery of San Francisco; Elisa Kleven, award-winning children's book author and illustrator, who donated an original; and local artists Susan

Adame', Kanna Aoki, Teresa Barnett, Carol Newborg, Deirdre Shibano, Jo-Anna Phippen, Maureen Rettig, Iris Sabre and Amy St. George.

SchoolCARE is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support Albany school programs.

Information about the art exhibit and tickets for the silent auction are available via e-mail at a\_saint@pacbell.net. Or call Amy St. George at 510-528-0848.

—Alan Lopez

Residents are invited to submit photos, drawings and paintings of Albany scenes for a postcard contest sponsored by the Albany Arts Committee. The winning images will be printed on postcards that will be sold by local merchants. All proceeds will benefit the committee's projects to support the arts in Albany.

Send one to five prints, slides or color inkjet or laser prints with a \$10 entry fee (check payable to City of Albany) to: Images of Albany Contest, Albany Arts Committee, Recreation & Community Services, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany 94706. Entries should include contact information. Participants don't need to live in Albany, but the art must depict an Albany scene. The deadline is Dec. 1. For more information, call 510-524-9283.

—Alan Lopez

Albany residents are invited to the next Albany Chamber of Commerce mixer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Albany Ford/Subaru, 718 San Pablo Ave.

Albany Ford/Subaru will be showing the Escape Hybrid, billed as the "world's cleanest, most fuel-efficient SUV."

Admission is free and includes finger food and beverages. Residents should RSVP at the chamber office at 510-525-1771, or e-mail albanychamber@bigplanet.com.

—Alan Lopez

Have an item about a scholarship, an award, an interesting vacation or other experience that you'd like to share with other Journal readers? If you have a photo, print or digital, we can use those, too (sorry, we cannot re-use print photos). Send it to the editor, by e-mailing: journal@ccjtimes.com, or mailing to: Neighbors, The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

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## THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1776

## GUEST COMMENTARY

## Pollution from project would impact field users

By Maggie Winslow

**R**EGARDING THE ARTICLE about the proposed El Cerrito Plaza condo development (Sept. 23) in which I was featured: While I am glad that the Plaza condo project is getting press, I was somewhat disappointed with the article. The article claimed that I was concerned about the potential changed view and loss of light. Neither are an issue for me at all. We would have no loss of light with the proposed project since, from our angle, Albany Hill is behind the project. The change in view is also irrelevant to me.

The proposed project looks attractive, and blocking the view of the Plaza is truly no great loss. Loss of light may be an issue, however, for the school field and for users of the Ohlone Greenway, since the proposed project will create a long strip of five-story-high walls next to the field and Greenway.

My primary concern, as I explained to the reporter, is the air pollution impact on Cougar Field. Increased air pollution upwind from a sports field can increase asthma rates for students, especially those engaged in sports. Because the traffic flow is already problematic in the plaza, adding all of the trips related to these proposed residences could lead to stopped traffic, creating local "hot-spots" of air pollution. The East side of the project, including the access road, is only 50 feet from the edge of Cougar track. There is no way this will not increase air pollution on Cougar Field.

The project, as proposed, will also decrease available parking for plaza shoppers, so more cars will be circling around looking for a parking

place and parking on local streets. If Albany closes the side streets entering the plaza, one can only imagine the traffic delays at the other entrances and exits to the plaza.

As for the local chapter of the Sierra Club supporting the project, remember it also supported the parking garage, which was not predicted to increase BART ridership, and was a boondoggle if there ever was one. Obviously, the local chapter is missing some degree of sophistication in its analysis. Infill development is generally a good idea, especially near transit, because it decreases overall automobile use for a region. But traffic problems from this project would likely create traffic congestion so as to increase local air pollution. This is not ideal since it is next to a school.

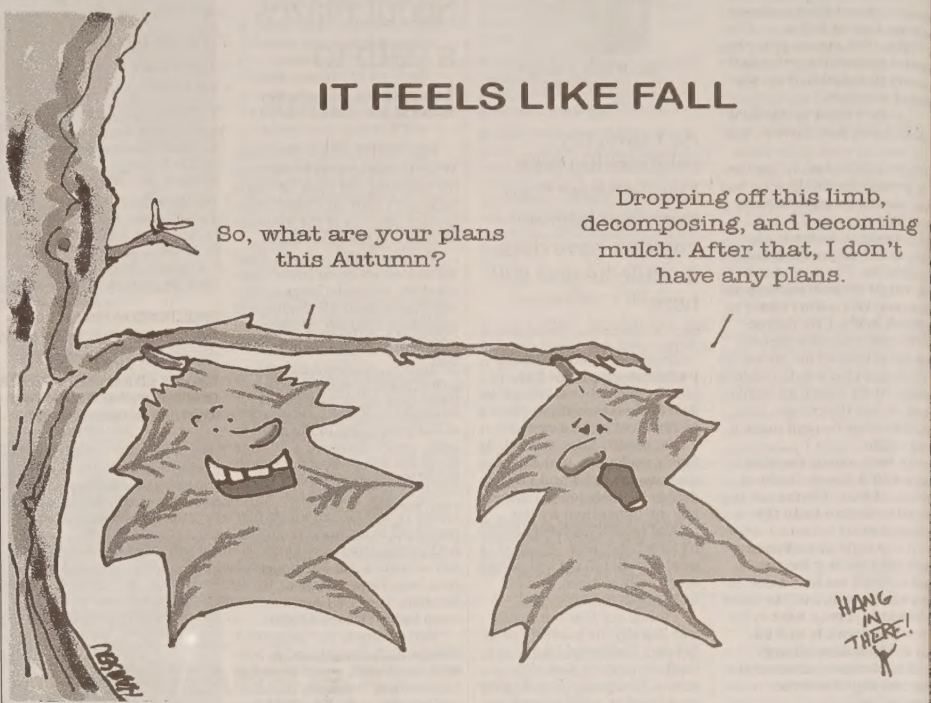
Not all infill projects should be stamped environmentally favorable. There are unique features that need to be considered. I know something about this. I wrote my master's thesis on transportation demand management, and included a section on transit villages, and I used to work for the Conservation Law Foundation on this topic. My Ph.D. dissertation focused on urban air pollution, so my concern about the increased pollution stems from my knowledge of this topic.

An additional concern about the project is that, since it will tower above the BART tracks, it will increase BART noise at the school and in the surrounding neighborhoods by reflecting this noise. Studies have shown the detrimental impact of this type of noise on learning and general welfare.

Maggie Winslow is a professor at the Presidio School of Management in San Francisco.

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## IT FEELS LIKE FALL



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Who will pick up tab?

The Journal reporting that the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency voted to spend more on the Cerrito Theater project is evidence that the Old Italian proverb, "Public money is like holy water. Everyone helps himself to it," is right on the money. Who will pick up the tab if this is a failure? What's your guess?

George Amberg  
El Cerrito

## Upside to high prices

I would like to thank the oil industry for helping me save money and improve my health. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, I was spending on average (\$50) per week on gas; now I am only purchasing \$30 a week. That's a \$20 a week savings. I am now riding my bike and walking more. I drive to and from work and only use my car on the weekends for major errands, i.e., for picking up things that are too heavy to put on the bike. I am starting to lose weight and the local businesses are benefiting from the new gas prices, as I am now shopping closer to home.

John Holmes  
Kensington

## The Discriminator

As you may "recall," Governor Schwarzenegger pledged to be a leader to all Californians. But in his politically weakened state, he vetoed AB 849, sacrificing gay and lesbian families to satisfy his right-wing base. Instead of being a hero, Schwarzenegger is more like a bully on the playground — harassing teachers, kicking nurses' butts, and calling Democratic legislators girly men.

In this case, the governor is well aware that civil rights have never been granted by the will of the people; it has always required strong leadership by either the legislative or judicial branch. History remembers Governor Wallace as the symbol of segregation, and Schwarzenegger will be remembered as the discriminator. His veto is the sole reason that same-sex couples continue to be second-class citizens in our state. Schwarzenegger may have stalled this equal rights movement, but it will not end.

California's gay and lesbian families have come too close to being granted full equality to quit. In the words of Arnold, "we'll be back" ... but he won't. California needs a leader, and it's clearly not that coward currently acting in the role of governor.

Pamela Brown  
Kensington

## Reach out now

At the Sept. 19 El Cerrito Council meeting, two speakers discussed the hurricanes and flooding on the Gulf Coast. They asked the council to reach out to displaced survivors with housing and other forms of help. One speaker was a local pastor who stressed that we are compassionate citizens and our city should offer aid to our Gulf Coast brothers and sisters. His parish school already has five children from the Gulf Coast.

The other speaker said that El Cerrito is one of the few Bay Area cities that has not made an official offer of help. She pointed out that El Cerrito has scores of empty apartments, mostly along San

Pablo Avenue, but some throughout the town. She asked that El Cerrito, like many other Bay Area towns, formally offer aid. Once displaced people are here, there are many ways to help them: child care, providing jobs, giving clothes, BART tickets, etc.

This terrible devastation truly raises the question: "Am I my brother and sister's keeper?" The next question will be: "Who will help us when our town and state is shattered by a calamity?"

Unfortunately, there was no response from the council or other citizens, and your reporter did not mention this. If our fellow citizens want us to respond, and we really do have lots of empty housing, we must act now. Note that even Eden Township, maybe the Bay Area's smallest, offered some housing. Call your council members, talk to your church or folks at work. The displaced people need us now.

Rosemary Loubal  
El Cerrito

## Aid has been offered

Surprisingly, some Americans are bitterly complaining of lack of aid from other countries for our Katrina disaster.

In fact, media reported the widespread and generous outpouring of foreign aid from around the world, including Indonesia, India and, yes, Saudi Arabia.

And while President Bush stated no offer would be refused, he has indeed refused Cuba's immediate and repeated offer of 1,100 supplied, ready and hurricane-trained doctors and other practical aid.

Janet Foldvary  
Berkeley

## Don't play God

Why are our legislators trying to criminalize acts of God?

About one out of every 50 pregnancies is a human clone: twins. Are the legislators going to arrest the mothers of twins and the medical caregivers for illegal human cloning?

What is going to happen to the twins, the products of illegal human cloning? Will they be summarily deported as illegal aliens to a country that allows human cloning?

Legislators need to legislate in areas where human actions make a difference. But when it comes to areas where there is an existing act of God, legislators should be very careful what they decide is illegal or they will not just write bad law, they will either start a reign of terror or become laughingstocks.

## WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Sen. Dianne Feinstein, unless you put an exception in your proposed law to allow natural cloning, you will start a real mess. Visualize a million mothers of twins, with their babies, marching on Washington.

Rev. Theolinda Knight  
Berkeley

## Sly Israeli trap

Israel knows what it is doing. The Israeli pullout is a win-win trap set by the sly Israeli rabbit to catch the hungry Palestinian fox. If the Palestinians cooperate, they can keep their Gaza.

That is one less thing for Israel to worry about.

Experts say that this is the end of a Greater Israel. Not so; this is the end of disengagement. Israel will expand and consolidate in the West Bank and Jerusalem. If the Gaza terrorists get out of line, Israel will have cause to blast them into the sea.

The only fly in this ointment is that the fox is having babies like a rabbit. If the rabbit does not put sterilization chemicals into the drinking water, the foxes will outnumber the rabbits. Then occupied territories will have to remain occupied or democracy will go down the drain.

Charles T. Walton  
Berkeley

## Federal response to Katrina scandalous

The federal response to Hurricane Katrina is a national scandal. Our nation was better prepared and responded better after Sept. 11.

Four years after Sept. 11, it is clear the Bush administration has made us less safe.

We need an independent commission modeled on the 9/11 Commission to investigate what went wrong at FEMA and other agencies. Congress should support Sen. Clinton's legislation calling for an independent commission modeled after the 9/11 Commission.

We can't let one political party — especially the one running the government — control the investigation of the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

The investigation must be independent from the politicians and have its own investigators, budget and subpoena authority.

Mark Fleischman  
Berkeley

## National disgrace

The federal response to Hurricane Katrina is a national disgrace. I've just returned from two weeks in Asia, and the news, including CNN International, is reporting on the failure of our federal government to respond. The world is calling this "America's shame" and is shocked that our nation has now demonstrated that we are much, much less safe than we were on Sept. 11. We must have an independent commission to investigate yet one more cinch in the respect we once held in the world for being a nation that cares and takes care.

Audrey Shabbas  
Berkeley

Note: Some of these letters are reprinted from other Hills or Contra Costa Newspapers publications.

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## Emergency numbers

El Cerrito or Kensington fire, police or medical: 911.

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El Cerrito Police — 510-237-3233.

Kensington Police — 510-233-1214; business line 510-526-4141.

Sewer problems: Stege Sanitary Service, 510-524-4667.

Water services: East Bay Municipal Utility District, 510-287-1380, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or 510-835-3000 after 4:30 p.m.

## Libraries

El Cerrito — 6510 Stockton Ave. Open noon-8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. 510-526-7512.

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El Cerrito Recreation Programs — Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Meeting rooms, classes, pool. 510-215-4370.  
Canyon Trail Art Center — 6757 Gatto St., El Cerrito. Instruction for children and adults. 510-215-4370 or 510-215-4394.

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## Senior centers

El Cerrito Committee on Aging — Meets at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Ellen Paasch, 510-215-4340.

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 780 Ashbury Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays. 510-524-1050.

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The Open House — 6500 Stockton Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. 510-215-4340.

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Fairmont, 724 Kearney St., El Cerrito. 510-525-5235.

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Kensington, 90 Highland Blvd. 510-526-7343.

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## Middle schools

Portola, 1021 Navellier St., El Cerrito. 510-524-0405.

## High schools

El Cerrito, 504 Ashbury Ave. 510-525-0234.



# Medical clinic offers therapy of reading

## Quote of the week

"The RAM Katrina disaster care airlift was launched Sunday morning, September 4. ... The aircraft's 3000-pound payload consisted of medicine, water and a variety of supplies, from diapers to generators."

Remote Area Medical (RAM) Web site, ramusa.org



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

I think what I like most about this event is the ongoing book discussions. Each person — child or adult — who approached the table would engage in some sort of book conversation.

teries" or "I have a 2-year-old and a 5-year-old." But others could go on for an hour.

Two boys who pretty much hung around all day had read widely, and we compared our favorite children's books — recommending, commenting and unabashedly telling the entire plots. As we talked, I realized how much I've read since I became a children's librarian last November — and how differently I approached these interactions than last year.

This time I had actually read "A Series of Unfortunate Events," "Holes," "June B. Jones" and "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" — one of my favorite children's books. Last year, I had to rely on the books I read to my children or even the ones I had read to my younger brothers. I felt like a real children's librarian, with the breadth and depth that can only come from reading, reading, reading.

The final day was slow and gave me a chance to talk to the staff and even to Stan Brock — the founder of RAM. He had been there all week-end, courteously and respectfully funneling people into the building from the long line waiting outside. He is already making plans for RAM to return to New Orleans — after being there for several weeks in September — and he invited me to take my book project there. I have to admit I'm giving it some thought.

I also came prepared with more craft materials and a portable photo printer for my digital camera. This turned out to be quite a hit, as I printed out photograph after photograph of children with new books or with their finished craft project.

I think what I like most about this event is the ongoing book discussions. Each person — child or adult — who approached the table would engage in some sort of book conversation. Some would be short — "I love mys-

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org) or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

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■ A Great Books Discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. The selection for Tuesday, Oct. 18, is "Our Mutual Friend" by Charles Dickens. For more information, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16, or [rdavis@acilibrary.org](mailto:rdavis@acilibrary.org).

■ The library now has free wireless Internet. A library card is required. This service is available during library open hours. For more information, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or [rdavis@acilibrary.org](mailto:rdavis@acilibrary.org).

■ A drop-in poetry-writing workshop led by Linda Elkin will be held Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Elkin's poems have been published in The Bloomsbury Review, Green Mountains Review, Tar River, 5 a.m., and in other journals and anthologies, including Kindred Terraces: American Writers in Greece. The event is in the Edith Stone Room and free. Cookies will be served. Questions? Call Ronnie Davis at ext. 16.

■ The library has several fall programs planned. Weekly sing-a-longs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. by Dale Allen Bolland, who has been sharing community music-making with the East Bay for more than 15 years. The sing-a-longs are free and for all ages. No registration is required. Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 3:30

p.m. Participants knit blankets for kittens and puppies. Knitting needles and yarn are provided, and all levels of knitters are welcome. Preschool story times are held on Saturdays through Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. No registration is required. For more information on any of the programs, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16.

### El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave.

510-526-7512

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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The Contra Costa County Library's fourth annual teen reading program, "Like the Movie? Read the Book!," is open to teens in grades 6-12. To get started, pick up your reading record at the El Cerrito Library or download one from the library's Web site at [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org). The program runs through Nov. 5. Everyone who finishes at El Cerrito will receive a ticket for the local raffle held in the library for an iPod Shuffle, CD player and shower radio, and other prizes. The program ends with the workshop, "How to Make Your Own Comic Book," given by Oliver Chin, graphic artist, author and Harvard grad, on Nov. 8.

■ Children ages 3 and up and their families are invited to the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. for a program of Halloween stories and crafts. After listening to some not-too-scary Halloween stories, each child will be invited to make a Halloween wind sock to take home to decorate his or her

front door for the holiday. For more information, call the library at 510-526-7512.

■ Nadine Oei will discuss simple ways to apply Feng Shui principles to your home and work environments on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. Oei is a certified Feng Shui consultant and founder of Integrated Spaces for Healthy Living. The event is free.

■ The fall series of Lapsit story times (formerly known as Babytime and Toddler time) will continue through Nov. 17. These story times, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplay in addition to the stories. No registration required.

### Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.

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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Professor Tom Acord from the Cal State Hayward Speaker's Bureau will lead a discussion of today's popular music on Monday at 7 p.m. Demonstrations will be included. This is a free event.

■ The library has several fall programs planned. Family evening story times will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. except when pre-empted by special programs. Maggie Hooper from the Bat Conservation Fund will present a program on bats on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Halloween. Illustrator Philippe Ames will present his book "Meow Said the Mouse" on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Jan Robitscher and her seeing-eye dog "Christmas" will present a program on guide dogs for the blind on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m.

■ Amy Gitelman's pastel paintings of Kensington will be on exhibit through Oct. 31. Gitelman paints on location with pastels, and is a resident of El Cerrito.

■ The newly formed Kensington Library Book Club will hold its first meeting on Monday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. It will discuss Ethan Canin's novel, "Carry Me Across the Water," about intergenerational family issues, nurturing relationships, war, love and simple domestic pleasures. Subsequent meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of every month at the library at 7 p.m. The club is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

—Craig Lazaretti

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### Albany

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### El Cerrito

■ Christ Lutheran Senior Center — Mondays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 780 Ashbury Ave. Charles Fitch will show slides on Oct. 10. 510-524-1050.

■ St. John's Senior Center — Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 6500 Gladys Ave. Gsaw puzzles, tai chi, sit-down exercises, conversational Spanish, and card and table games. 510-237-3808.

■ The Open House — Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, 8 m.-4 p.m. 6500 Stockton Ave. Cultural, arts, writing and language programs; health and wellness programs.

## BUSINESS NAME CHANGES

The following individuals or corporations filed fictitious business-name statements in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The Journal makes every effort to ensure accuracy but cannot be held responsible if there are errors or omissions in this list. The Journal gathers information from fictitious business-name filings with the counties; not all listings are new businesses. These listings are a public service and do not satisfy requirements that business owners advertise legal notices of their business names.

### Cerrito

■ Boils Organic Catering, Benjamin Dubois, 740 Pomona Ave.  
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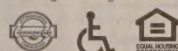
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**THEATER ENSEMBLE:** Albany High School Theater Ensemble, the only student-run, self-supporting club at Albany High, will present "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" on two consecutive weekends, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-29 and Nov. 3-5, at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets, sold at the door only, are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults. Performances are in the Little Theater. Contact 510-558-2500, ext. 2579 or theaterensemble.tripod.com/ for more information.

**YEARBOOK:** Yearbook needs Class of 2006 pictures of you and your friends from elementary/middle school. Dig through your book of memories and give to Mikey Lo or Nancy Lam or put in Ms. Chialera's box in the main office.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Because of a conflict with homecoming activities, counseling will need to reschedule the upcoming advisory period presentations. The application workshops will now be on Wednesday, Oct. 12 for the UC applications and Friday, Oct. 14 for the CSU system. Please check with your student to make sure they signed up for the advisory period presentations. Students must be registered to attend the presentations. During these presentations, tips, strategies and handouts will be provided.

**SOCER COACH NEEDED:** AHS is looking for a coach for its girls junior varsity soccer team. The season runs from early November through early February. Practices are held Monday through Friday from approximately 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Game days are generally Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, contact Deborah Wanlin, athletic director, at 510-558-2593 or debwanlin@yahoo.com.

**TUTOR LIST:** The private tutor list is updated and available in the counseling office and on the Albany High School Web site (under "counseling office") at albanyschool.k12.ca.us/ahs/tutoring.htm. It includes resources and contact information for individual tutors and agencies for all academic subjects, college essay help, standardized test prep and special needs. For answers to questions or updates, contact Becca Burns, career coordinator, at 510-558-2508.

**COLLEGE NIGHT:** College Night is Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m., featuring representatives from community colleges, CSU, UC and private schools, SAT prep and junior year preparation.

**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT:** Financial Aid Informational Night is Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 7-8:45 p.m., in the Little Theater. Senior students and parents are invited, and other grades are always welcome.

**PTA MEETING:** The second PTA meeting of the school year is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. in the library, with an advance gathering at 6:30, including refreshments, to welcome our newest faculty members. Becca Burns, career and college counselor, will discuss alternative pathways for transition after high school, and the group will hear about this year's mini-grants, plans to change bylaws to include students as part of the PTA, and a vote on this year's budget.

**SENIOR BULLETIN:** The counseling office has copies of the first Senior Bulletin. It is also posted on the bulletin board outside of the counseling office and on the AHS Web site at albanyschool.k12.ca.us/ahs under "Counseling Office." The Senior Bulletin contains information about scholarships, college admissions and testing. It will be published monthly.

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**POTLUCK DINNERS:** PTA is looking for volunteers to help with our two potluck dinners on Tuesday, Oct. 18, for sixth grade and Thursday, Oct. 20, for seventh-eighth grade. Call Hang Wah Moy at 510-558-1037.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT:** On staff development day, Monday, Oct. 17, teachers will be continuing their work on literacy strategies and integrating technology in the curriculum.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** The sixth-grade Halloween party is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 31, from 1:20-2:50 p.m. Parent volunteers are needed to help organize and work at the party.

**DONATIONS (\$5 is the suggested amount)** are also welcome. If you are able to help, please give your name, phone number and/or e-mail to your child's teacher.

**MEDITATION STUDY:** Attention: parents of students with a diagnosis of ADD/ADHD. The transcendental meditation research study needs 20 students for this study to go forward. Interested parents please contact school counselor Ms. Marie at 510-558-3669.

**STOLEN BIKES:** Three bikes have been stolen early in the school year. The surveillance cameras do not provide a good view of the bike racks. They will be adjusted, but in the meantime, please make sure you have a secure lock. If you are staying after school for homework club, you may move your bike into the atrium and lock it up under or near the stairs until we have the cameras readjusted.

**HOST FAMILIES:** Seven families are needed to host two Japanese middle-school girls and four families to host two Japanese middle-school boys from Haga Junior High School in rural Japan, from Nov. 3-7. It is hoped that during this time the families will incorporate the students into such daily activities as trips to the supermarket, game practices, etc. On Sunday, Nov. 6, a lunch picnic will be held for everyone participating in this program. For more information, contact Mylo Magtoto at mylo@onebox.com or 510-458-9434.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Oct. 7: Progress reports mailed; Oct. 17: Staff development — no school; Oct. 18: Book Fair week begins; Oct. 21: Picture make-up day

## Cornell Elementary

**PTA VOLUNTEER:** Cornell PTA is seeking a volunteer (such as a Cornell parent) with auditing experience to help audit the PTA's financial records. Periodic accurate audits help the PTA maintain its nonprofit status. Please contact Allan Fone at 510-458-1054 (cell) or 510-525-1356 (home).

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Oct. 13: PTA meeting, 7-8:30 p.m.; Oct. 17: Staff development day, no school; Oct. 31: Halloween, shortened schedule; Nov. 17: PTA meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Marin Elementary

**TRAFFIC MATTERS:** Marin Avenue is in the process of converting into one lane of traffic in each direction with a center turn lane. There will also be bike lanes alongside the traffic lanes. With great concern over the safety of dropping off and picking up children during school hours, school officials urge parents and guardians to park farther away from campus than normal. Traffic safety is particularly problematic during the rainy season. Police will ticket traffic violators.

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**GARDEN PROJECT:** In the wake of construction on the school grounds, the school is starting the "Marin School Habitat Restoration Garden," and everyone is invited to attend a work day on the soil on Saturday, Oct. 15. Heavy equipment, shovels, wheelbarrows, and willing hands are needed. Contact Penny Barthel at 510-528-2242.

**PTA MEMBERSHIP:** October is PTA Membership Month. Many thanks to those who have already joined. Basic family dues are \$25. Families who can contribute more are encouraged to do so, and those who can afford less are welcome to give what they are comfortable with. Every bit helps, and the children benefit directly.

**CHALK IT UP:** Chalk-it-Up, the fundraising art happening, takes place on Saturday, Oct. 22, featuring food and music along with chalk drawing on the sidewalk. You can purchase a box of paste and a space on the sidewalk in advance.

**DONATIONS:** Marin continues to collect donations of coins, cash, checks and personal items to send to Corey Jones' family in Louisiana. Any help is appreciated.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Oct. 10: Fire prevention assembly; Oct. 15: Garden restoration work party; Oct. 17: Staff development day (student holiday); Oct. 19: School Picture Day; Oct. 19: PTA meeting, 8:30-10 a.m.; Oct. 21-23: PTA Book Fair; Oct. 22: Chalk it Up; Oct. 31: Halloween parade, 1 p.m.; Nov. 17: PTA meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Ocean View Elementary

**BOOK FAIR:** The book fair, Oct. 18-21 and 24, offers new titles and a wide selection of quality children's books, and 25 percent of sales go directly to the Ocean View library. At the traditional family night event on Wednesday, Oct. 19, the book fair will be open from 5 to 8:30 p.m. To volunteer to help on family night, call Astrid Jungeling at 510-527-0454.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY:** Students will not attend school on staff development day, Oct. 17. Staff will be strengthening assessment and reporting for reading/language arts and math. The school appreciates arrangements that parents make for children on staff development days.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Oct. 10: PTA meeting, 7 p.m.; library; Oct. 17: Staff development, no school; Oct. 18-21, 24: Book Fair; Nov. 7-23: Adjusted schedule for parent conferences; Nov. 11: Veteran's Day, no school; Nov. 24, 25: Thanksgiving holiday, no school.

— Bob Menzinger

## EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

### El Cerrito High School

**SAFETY PATROL:** The Parent Safety Patrol is looking for volunteers. The patrol provides a regular parent presence on campus during school hours to act as a friendly resource to students and as limited back-up supervision. Shifts are available before school (7:45 a.m.-8:30 a.m.), lunch period (11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) and after school (1:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.) If you would like more information or to volunteer, contact Michele Jawad by dropping off a letter to Room 7 or e-mailing Ecmjw@earthlink.net.

**COLLEGE CLASS:** College Admissions 101 will be held Monday in the Portola Little Theater, 1021 Naville St. from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free. These workshops are most appropriate for parents of high school juniors. Parents will understand the important goals facing their college-bound juniors and learn how to help their teens meet these goals by September 2006. Register at the door.

**COLLEGE NIGHT:** ECHS College Night will be Oct. 10 and 17 at 7 p.m. in the band room.

**GARAGE SALE:** The ECHS garage sale has been postponed. The new date has not yet been determined.

**PTSA:** The PTSA will hold a general membership meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater at Portola

Middle School. The group's mission is to promote a safe and enriching educational environment for all ECHS students by encouraging communication between parents, teachers, administrators, students and community members, and by bringing these parties together to advocate for solutions and resources to meet school needs.

**COLLEGE VISITS:** The following on-campus college visits will take place at lunch (usually 11:40 a.m.) in Room 4 of the College/Career Center. The list is updated frequently, so check the bulletin board next to Room 4's door. St. Mary's: Oct. 7; University of Oregon: Oct. 27; Pomona College: Oct. 28; Mills College: Nov. 9

### Portola Middle School

**MUSIC FUND-RAISER:** The Portola Middle School Music Department presents Chevy's Night at the Emeryville Chevy's on Thursday from 4-10 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by the Portola Jazz Band Combos.

**GARDEN CLEAN-UPS:** Garden clean-up parties will be held on Oct. 16 and Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Lisa Graves at 510-558-6925 or e-mail lisa@earthlink.net.

### Harding Elementary

**HELP NEEDED:** Principal Taylor needs

parent helpers to monitor the Astor Street entrance and the Highway 104 entrance to the school (8:15-8:45 a.m.). The street entrance is now off limits to pedestrians because of construction. Parents are also encouraged to talk to your child's teacher to volunteer in the classroom or call the school office to volunteer, 510-523-1413.

**POTLUCK:** Potluck in the Park for families will be held Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Cerrito Vista Park across the street from the El Cerrito Pool. Meet other families with preschool-age children who are considering Harding for Kindergarten. To RSVP: Contact Sharon at 525-7058 or sj\_fm@berkeley.com. **BOOK FAIR:** The Harding Book Fair, Oct. 11-14.

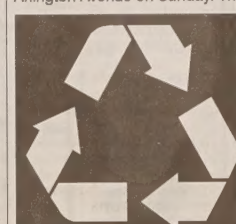
### Tehiyah Day School

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Preschool/dallah Celebration, Sunday, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.; kindergarten information evening, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7-8 p.m.; middle school information evening, Thursday, Dec. 1, 7-8 p.m. — Craig Lee

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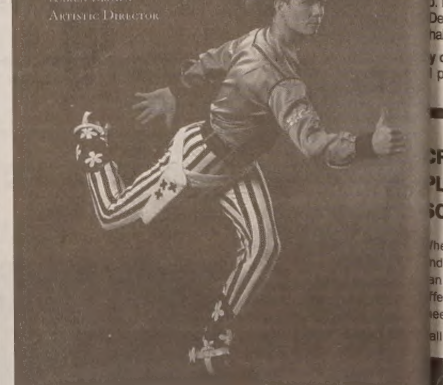


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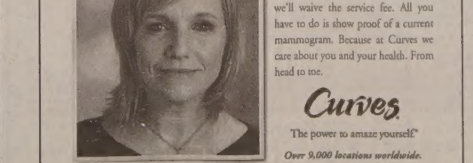
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## Coming Up

### Children/teens

**Amiguitos de la Pena** — Chil- programs at 10:30 a.m., La Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Berkeley. Oct. 8, Asheba. Family with Caribbean-themed musical telling. — Oct. 15, Juanita Ulloa & Morgan. — Oct. 22, Gary presents "Food & Fun." — Oct. 29, Rose. Tickets: \$3-\$4. Details: [lapena.org](http://lapena.org).

**Howbiz for Kids** — Oct. 9, 4 p.m., Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 Ave., Berkeley. Interactive chil- music with Norma Mayer, so- and Richard Mayer, flute. Chil- in audience invited to perform on. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child; call 598-1300. Details: [www.juliamor- org](http://www.juliamor- org).

**Family Film Sunday Series** — "The Adventures of Winnie the Pooh," 9, 11 a.m., Julia Morgan Theatre, College Ave., Berkeley. Rated G, minutes, from 1977. Tickets: \$5. De- [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**Crowden School Open House** — mation night, Oct. 12, 7-8:30 p.m., Rose St., Berkeley. Middle ol, grades 4-8, combines chal- ing curriculum with chamber mu- program for students of strings, pi- composition. Future dates: Nov. 12, 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1. Details: 589-9810 or [www.crowden.org](http://www.crowden.org).

**Broovy Ghoulies** — Oct. 16, 4 Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, College Ave., Berkeley. Pop-rock the Sippy Cups play tunes for kids & parents to enjoy, with cir- performer, puppets, audience par- tion. Kids encourage to come in me. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 chil- call 925-798-1300. Details: [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**ights On Afterschool** — Oct. 20, 1, kick-off, Civic Center Park, 2151 Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. music, appearances from Berke- cials. From 4-7 p.m., Berkeley school programs open to public student performances, special ac- s, art projects, food. To locate a ating program, call 510-883- [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org).

**heba & Halloween** — Oct. 30, 3- p.m., Ashkenaz Music & Dance munity Center, 1317 San Pablo Berkeley. Halloween Party with ba, facepainting and more. Come ed in your favorite costume. Ad- on: \$4-\$6. Details: 510-525-5054 [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com).

**abit Halloween** — Oct. 31, 9:30 p.m., Habitat Children's Mu- 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. your Halloween costume to a -scary event for infants, toddlers preschoolers. Miniature golf in y cemetery, search for ghostly ures in the Witch's Apothecary, apples in water pool and make ead home Halloween slime in AP o. Pizza, beverages, cookies on Details: 510-647-1111 or [habitorg](http://habitorg).

**y of the Dead** — Nov. 2, 9:30 p.m., Habitat Children's Mu-



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**THEATREFIRST WILL PRODUCE** the Northern California premiere of "The Arab-Israeli Cookbook" Oct. 27-Nov. 6 at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. "The Arab-Israeli Cookbook" is taken verbatim from conversations, initially about food, in Israel and the West Bank between playwright Robin Soans, Jewish director Tim Roseman and Arab director Rima Brihi. The London-based Caird Company commissioned Soans to travel to Israel and the occupied territories to develop a drama based on the everyday realities of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. The Berkeley production is directed by Clive Chafer and features eight actors playing around 40 characters, with live cooking onstage. A preview is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27, and the play opens Saturday, Oct. 29. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18-\$22 with senior and student discounts. For more information, call the box office at 510-436-5085 or visit [www.theatrefirst.com](http://www.theatrefirst.com).

seum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrat- ing life and spirit. Decorate your own sugar skulls 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in snack room, create your own papel picado banner all day in art studio, watch Enrique Martinez demonstrate traditional art of papel picado 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Details: 510-647-1111.

**Kindergarten Information Night** — Nov. 2, 7 p.m., St. Jerome Catholic School, 320 San Carlos Ave., El Cerrito. Parents of preschool children in- vited; Principal Maria Korte, staff mem- bers will talk about school, answer questions. Details: 510-525-9484.

**Albany Karate for Kids** — Accept- ing enrollment for fall at Albany Com- munity Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Al- bany. Nonaggressive classes for ages 4-16 are taught by a female black belt instructor. Classes help develop self- confidence, skill & are fun. Details: 510-847-2400 or [www.albanykarate- forksids.com](http://www.albanykarate- forksids.com).

### Community

**North Berkeley Senior Center** — Free events. Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m., "Im- ages of Aging" discussion for woman with Meika Low. — Oct. 11, Connie Woods gives talk on home inspections (roof, pests, plumbing, electrical ar- eas). — Oct. 12, 1:15 p.m., share a poem, song, short story, joke with Lynn Rayburn. Refreshments. — Oct. 14, 1 p.m., Harold Brown discusses BART safety. — Oct. 24, 10:15 a.m., Elephant Pharmacy, 1607 Shattuck Ave. Parkinson's Support Group meets; Peter Koshland, PharmD discusses drug therapy. — Oct. 26, 1:15 p.m., Jeff Carlson talks to Low Vision Group. —

Oct. 31, 1 p.m., Stagebridge actors tell tales. Refreshments. — 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-5190.

**Depression Screening** — Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Herrick Campus, Maffey Auditorium, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Behavioral Health Services provides free anonymous screening for depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder. Stress management tips, information. Details: 510-204-4580.

**Take Flight with Aquatic Park EGRET** — Oct. 8, 4-6 p.m., the Cabin, northern terminus of Emeryville's Shell- mound Street. Food from Oak Plaza restaurant; watch park's egrets fly to treestop roosts. Donation \$15 re- quested. Supports EGRET's steward- ship of Berkeley's tidal wetlands. Reservations: 510-549-0818.

**White Elephant Sale** — Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 915 Pomona Ave., El Cer- rito. Proceeds benefit Contra Costa Civic Theatre. Spaces available to sell items: \$20. To donate items: [cctd@sonic.net](mailto:cctd@sonic.net) or 510-524-6654. High- quality items, crafts and antiques for sale. Music, food, fun, great deals.

**Gaucha Aid** — A Benefit for the Vic- tims of Hurricane Katrina, Oct. 8, 12-5 p.m., El Cerrito High School football field, 540 Ashbury St., El Cerrito. Feat- uring local artists: Glass Hour, Pablo Cela and friends, Albany High School's Rhythm Bound, El Cerrito High School's Jazz Ensemble, and featuring headline keyboardist Frank Martin. Proceeds benefit American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Tickets: \$5. Donations of money, canned & dried food, clothing accepted. Details: Sophie 510-236-5736.

**Indigenous Peoples Day** — 14th annual Pow Wow, Indian Market, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Martin Luther King Civic Center Park, Allston Way at M.L.K. Way, Berkeley. Intertribal danc- ing, contest dancing, round dancing. Native American foods, arts & crafts and American Indian culture. Free. De- tails: 510-595-5520 or [www.red- coral.net/Pow.html](http://www.red- coral.net/Pow.html).

**Quarter Meal fund-raiser** — Berke- ley Food and Housing Project, Oct. 8, 5-7 p.m., Trinity Methodist Church, 2362 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Cost of meal: \$25 adults, \$10 youth 6-18. Chil- dren five and under free. Details: Car- olyn 510-649-4965 x312 or [ocdoyle@bfhp.org](mailto:ocdoyle@bfhp.org).

**Crabby Chef Competition** — "Iron Chef" Style Cook-Off, Oct. 9, 2 p.m., Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley. Proceeds benefit Berkeley Historical Society. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., cooking booths will sell crab treats, drinks; live music, seafood "roadshow." Details: 510-845-7771.

**Tibetan Nyingma Institute** — Sun- days, 5-5:45 p.m., Free Chant and Me- ditation, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. — Oct. 9, 6 p.m., Santosh Philip on "Healing Power of Tibetan Yoga." — Oct. 16, 6 p.m., Bob Byrne on "Be- yond Meanings." — Oct. 23, 6 p.m., Lama Palzang, Pema Gellek on "Ways of Enlightenment." — Oct. 30, 6 p.m., Bob Russo on "Holistic Work." Details: 510-843-6812 or [www.nyingmainsti- tute.com](http://www.nyingmainsti- tute.com).

**Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** — Tuesday's Mar- ket 2-7 p.m. at Derby Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue & Rose Street. All or-

ganically grown produce featured. — Saturday's market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Mar- tin Luther King Jr. Way. All are open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or [www.ecologycenter.org](http://www.ecologycenter.org). Coming up: Oct. 11, 2-7 p.m. Fall Fruit Tasting; apples, pears, persimmons, etc. Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Fall Fruit Tasting with cooking demonstrations; 11 a.m. Annie Somerville of SF's Greens, 12 p.m. Mary Vance features fall fruit.

**Albany Chamber of Commerce** — Monthly mixer, Oct. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Albany Ford/Subaru, 718 San Pablo Ave. Free food & drink. RSVP: 510-525-1771 or [albanychamber@big- planet.com](mailto:albanychamber@big- planet.com).

**Diversity Day** — Oct. 11, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. Do pre- judices exist in Berkeley? How can Berkeley better reflect its residents' needs? Do city contracts, hiring, com- mission appointments reflect diversity? Discuss practical actions for including everyone. Refreshments. Details: 510-961-7170.

**Berkeley Garden Club** — Plant Sale, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 313 Victo- ria St., El Cerrito. Plants at bargain prices. Details: 510-528-4940.

**Albany YMCA Giant Garage Sale** — Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 821 Kains Ave., Albany. Clothing, books, toys, household items, more. Proceeds ben- efit YMCA Youth & Senior Financial As- sistance programs. Details: 510-525-1130.

**"Berkeley During World War II: Blackouts and Bombshells"** — Oct. 15, 2 p.m., Central Library community meeting room, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. A multimedia presentation by Sayre Van Young. Free. Details: 510-961-6150.

**El Cerrito's Citywide Garage Sale** — Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nearly 100 El Cerrito households will host garage sales. Details: 510-215-4350.

**Albany Fire Department Open House** — Oct. 15, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Al- bany Fire Station, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Pancake breakfast, raffle, natural gas safety demonstrations, electrical safety training, Sparky the Fire Dog. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 kids 6 and under. Details: 510-528-5778.

**Mobile Blood Drives** — American Red Cross, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., College of Engineering, Wozniak Lounge, 626 Soda Hall, Berkeley. De- tails: 800-448-3543 or [www.BeAD- onor.com](http://www.BeAD- onor.com).

**BMW Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through October at Weatherford BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

**Election officials needed** — Nov. 8, throughout Alameda County. Registrar of Voters needs to staff polling places for special statewide election. Must be eligible to register to vote in Alameda County, have basic clerical skills. Stipend range \$80-\$100. Details: 510-272-8971.

**Programs at the Albany Senior Center**, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany: Low Vision Support Group is at 11 a.m.-12 p.m. on last Monday of each month. Free. — Massage Therapy is Tuesdays at 2:30-5 p.m. and Wednes- days at 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$10 per 15 minute session. Smoking Cessation Group, Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., slid- ing scale \$3-\$10 per week. — Senior

Issues Support Group, Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m., \$15. — World Affairs/Pol- itics group meets Thursdays 3:30-5 p.m. for 10 weeks through Dec. 8, for people 60+ years. \$25/session in- cludes refreshments. Details/registra- tion: 510-524-9122.

### Exhibits

**MC Art Works Gallery** — Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m., 10344 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Celebrate Arts Day with art ex- hibit, dance performances, food & bev- erages. Free. Details: 510-528-1349.

**Albany Arts Gallery** — "Retrospect: 1993-2003" by photographer Kyo Es- hima, through Oct. 8, 1251 Solano Ave., Albany. Details: 510-526-9558.

**Berkeley Art Center** — "Pleasure," new works by Susan Danis, through Oct. 15 at 1275 Walnut St. Reception 2-4 p.m. Local artist makes whimsical art out of found materials. Oct. 13, 7 p.m. "In Conversation with Susan Danis." Free. Details: 510-644-6893 or [www.berkeleyartcenter.org](http://www.berkeleyartcenter.org).

**Berkeley History Center** — "Fer- menting Berkeley," Oct. 23-March 25, 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Oct. 23, 3-5 p.m., Opening reception. Explores the production, sale, and social aspects of alcohol in Berkeley from the 1870s - 1970s. The Wets vs. the Drys, Berke- ley's early prohibition will be featured. Details: 510-848-0181 or [www.ci.berke- ley.ca.us/histoc/](http://www.ci.berke- ley.ca.us/histoc/).

**Fall Raffle/Auction** — East Bay School for Girls, Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m., Saint John's Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$2.50 each or 12 for \$25. Over 65 raffle prizes, live auction. Details: [www.ebsg.org](http://www.ebsg.org) or 510-849-9444.

**Judah L. Magnes Museum** — Through Jan. 22, "The Danube Exo- duses: The Ripping Currents of the River" by Peter Forgacs & Labyrinth Project. — Through Feb. 19, "Revisions Larry Abramson: Searching for an Ideal City." — Oct. 30, 2 p.m., Colloquium "Mining Memory." — Through Feb. 5, Second Floor Gallery, "Case Study: Emanu-El Sisterhood for Personal Ser- vice." — Through May 14, "Houses and Housings: Portability in Jewish Faith and Culture." 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Details: [www.magnes.org](http://www.magnes.org) or 510-549-6950.

**La Pena Cultural Center** — Through Oct. 30, 3105 Shattuck Ave. "Viva Chile! Views and Voices" in restaurant & lobby. Details: [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org) or 510-849-2569.

**UC Berkeley Gallery** — Through Oct. 31, "Paint Behaving Badly: Shrink- wrapped experiences and other forbid- den tales." Plastic paintings for plastic times by Whitney Vosburgh & Philip Donahue. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berke- ley. Details: 510-848-6370.

**Schurman-Scriptum Gallery** — Arie Furumoto exhibit through Oct. 31 at 1659 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-6100 or [www.berkeleypublicli- brary.org](http://www.berkeleypublicli- brary.org).

**"Single Moms: Invisible Lives"** — Exhibit by local photographer Kath- erine Bettis, through Oct. 31, Berkeley Library's Central Community Room, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-6100 or [www.berkeleypublicli- brary.org](http://www.berkeleypublicli- brary.org).

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# Calendar

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- **The Musical Offering/University Press Books** — Through October, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Exhibit of Jerome Carlin's Imaginary Landscapes, Berkeley Street Scenes, and Tilden Park Scenes.
- **Art of Living Gallery** — Through Nov. 4, 2905 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. "Retro: A Photography Exhibition" by Harold Adler. Details: 510-482-3336 or 510-848-3736.
- **UC Berkeley Art Museum** — Through Nov. 6, Matrix 218: Carla Klein "Scapes." Through Dec. 5, "Yosemite in Time." Through Dec. 23, "Taisho Chic: Japanese Modernity, Nostalgia, and Deco." 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-842-0808.
- **Oakland Library** — Through Nov. 30, Asian Branch, Children's Area, 388 Ninth St., Suite 190, Oakland. "Minority Dong and Miao Peoples of China" photography exhibit by Berkeley photographer Chuck Marut. Details: www.oaklandlibrary.org or 510-238-3400.
- **Ames Gallery** — Through Dec. 30, "Jewish Traditions: Works by Harry Lieberman;" Through Dec. 10, "Fascinated with Faces" Three California Observers: Ted Gordon, Attilio Crescenti and Willie Harris. 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-4949 or www.amesgallery.com.
- **Graduate Theological Union** — "Georges Rouault: Misere et Guerre," through Jan. 13, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. Selected etchings on humanity's frailty and redemption. Details: www.gtu.edu/library or 510-649-2541.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science** — Through Jan. 16, 100 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. "Big Dinos Return" dinosaur exhibit. Details: 510-642-5132.

## Film/dance/stage

- **La Pena Cultural Center** — Oct. 7, 8 p.m., Spanglish Lab. \$10-\$15. — Oct. 8, 8 p.m., For the Love of Radio Unplug Clear Channel benefit. \$8. — Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Jon Fromer and the Cheats. \$7-\$15. — Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., Cafe Poetry & Open Mic hosted by Kira Allen. — Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m., Jaron y Bochinché. \$15. — Oct. 15, 8 p.m. & 10 p.m., Francisco Aguabella y Su Grupo Ara Oco. \$20. — Oct. 16, 3:30 p.m., Domingo de Rumba. Free. — Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., Stop the Wars tour with Norman Solomon, David Rovics. \$10-\$15. — Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., Cafe Poetry, Open Mic hosted by Paradise. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: www.lapena.org or 510-849-2568.
- **Ashkenaz** — Oct. 7, 9 a.m., Bread & Roses Community Event: Hymn & the Fal Oakland Orchestra, La Pena Community Chorus. \$13. — Oct. 8, 9 p.m., African dance lesson, 9:30 p.m., West African Highlife Band. \$13. — Oct. 9, 3 p.m., Family Square dance with Evie Ladin. \$4-\$6. — Oct. 9, 7 p.m., lecture/demonstration with Anna Oldfellow Senarsian & Gulara Azali. 8:15 p.m. Dona Rosa, Gulara Azali. Zulfiyye Ibadova. \$15-\$18. — Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., Balkan dance lesson, 8:30 p.m., Turku, Symma Time Machine. \$10. — Oct. 12, Balkan Folkdance: 7 p.m. beginning dance lesson, 7:30 p.m. intermediate dance lesson, 8 p.m. dance. \$7. — Oct. 13, 10 p.m., Grateful Dead DJ Night with Digital Dave. \$6. — Oct. 14, 8 p.m. swing dance lesson, 9:30 p.m. Steve Lucky & the Rumba Burns with Ms. Carmen Gebit. \$13. — 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley.

Details: 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **"The Cradle Will Rock"** — Oct. 7, 8, 14, 15, 8 p.m.; Oct. 9, 16, 2 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse. Marc Blitzstein's pro-union musical about 1930s Labor Movement. Tickets: \$8-\$14; 510-642-9925 or http://theater.berkeley.edu.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — Through Oct. 9, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. Arthur Miller's "The Price." Showtimes 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays; 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$28-\$45; 510-843-4822 or www.aurora-theatre.org.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "You Can't Take It With You," through Oct. 22, Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.; matinees 2 p.m. Oct. 9, 16, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy offers an inside look at the irrepressible Sycamore family. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Reservations: 510-524-9132, group sales 510-524-6654.

■ **Barely Human DanceTheatre** — "From Here We Watch the World Go By," Oct. 9, 5 p.m., Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza, Shattuck Avenue & Center Street. The decline of civilization depicted in four sites. Details: 510-883-0302; www.barelyhuman.org.

■ **Live Readings of Short Fiction** — Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. "Actors Reading Writers: Celebrating Writing through Live Readings" presents "Possessed," short stories by Algernon Blackwood, Shirley Jackson & William Trevor. Free. Book exchange — bring a book or take a book.

■ **Kirov Ballet & Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theater** — Oct. 12-13, 7 p.m.; Oct. 14-15, 8 p.m.; Oct. 15, 2 p.m.; Oct. 16, 3 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$48-\$110, call

510-642-9988.

■ **Pacific Film Archive Theatre** — Film screenings: Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., "The Day After Trinity: J. Robert Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb." — Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., "Metric Films and Poetry and Truth," lecture by Peter Kubelka. — Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., "Alternative Requirements: Experimental Works from Bay Area Schools." 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

■ **The Kindness of Strangers** — Oct. 15, 7 p.m., Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Benefit for Rebuilding the Spirit of Community in the Gulf States. Proceeds benefit Southern Arts Federation Hurricane Katrina Emergency Fund. Features comic Will Durst, Louisiana native story teller Anne Gajour, zydeco & jazz music, dance, food drinks, raffle. Tickets: Sliding Scale \$25-\$100+; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Shotgun Players** — Through Oct. 16, The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. "Owners." Showtimes 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays. Playwright Caryl Churchill takes feminism & free enterprise to a disturbing new level. Tickets: sliding scale \$10-\$30. Details: www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6900.

■ **Dick 'n Dubya Show** — Republican Outreach Cabaret, Oct. 16 & 27, 8 p.m., Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Cost: \$10, card-carrying Republicans wrapped in American flag are free. Details: Ed 510-841-1898.

## Tax

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It would raise \$2 million annually for the district while exempting low-income homeowners over the age of 65. Low-income renters could apply for rebates.

Though he voted against placing the parcel tax measure on the ballot, school board member David Farrell contributed \$100 to the campaign. He said the district needed the money to maintain its high standards.

"Our community doesn't want a bare-bones education," Farrell said.

Farrell said he voted against the measure in part because of the timing. It will make it more difficult for the city to convince voters to approve the tax measure it's planning next June.

Tony Caine, a 23-year resident in Albany and former member of the Charter Review Committee, believed the city was taxed out.

Albany voters approved school parcel taxes in 1987 and 1999 and a city bond measure in 2002. Caine said the city needed to look at other ways to raise money.

"It's one tax increase after another over the last five years ...

"he said. "It will affect our property values eventually."

Walden said the school district is at the mercy of the which provides insufficient funding.

According to the ballooning, the parcel tax money goes toward:

■ Attracting and retaining highly qualified staff with competitive compensation, including preservation of health care retirement benefits.

■ Maintaining and improving student support services, as restoring one full-time librarian at each elementary school and the middle and high schools; enhancing health counseling in all middle and high school grades; and porting students learning English as a second language.

■ Maintaining campus supervision for student and all safety.

■ Maintaining class-size reduction programs, providing funding support remain in place.

■ Maintaining class-size smaller than the state average in grades 4-12.

■ Enhancing support for extra-curricular activities.

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- ★ Oct. 16 — Magic by Alex
  - National Chemistry Week Kickoff Demo
  - "Chemistry in the Toy Store," Dr. David Katz
- ★ Oct. 23 — Magician Norman Ng

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## Field

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completely funded, and construction is expected to begin next May.

Prop. 12, a 2000 state park bond measure, provided El Cerrito with \$120,000 to revamp the soccer field at Canyon Trail Park. The city kicked in an additional \$1,607 from its general fund revenues and \$50,000 from the city's Measure A parcel tax.

The city installed a new subsurface drainage system, modified the irrigation and leveled off the field to eliminate bumps and dips.

El Cerrito Youth Baseball, the soccer club and Prospect Sierra School each contributed a few thousand dollars toward installing new sod. The cheaper alternative was to reseed the field, which would have delayed the opening of the field by three months.

"We agreed with the sod decision because we wanted to

## New ad director joins Hills

Monica Holbrook has joined Hills Newspapers as advertising director.

Holbrook has a strong background with community newspapers, having served as sales manager in Danville for the San Joaquin Valley Times, and as manager of 10 community newspapers in Southern California for MediaNews Group. She comes to Hills Newspapers from the Contra Costa Times, where she was retail sales manager for several communities in Contra Costa County.

Also this week, Hills General Manager Shareef Dajani took a position as general manager of the six-newspaper Daily News Group based in Palo Alto. The free newspapers focus on local retailers for their advertising and on condensed stories covering local, national and international

—Lucinda Ryan

## RIBBON CUTTING

The city is planning a ribbon-cutting event for the rehabilitated upper Canyon Trail field at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. The field is located on Canyon Trail and Tapscott Avenue. For more information, call 510-559-7000.

make sure the kids could use the field during the school year," said Sheila Puckett, the division head at the Prospect Sierra elementary campus. She added that the field was swarmed by students after it opened Friday.

Earlier this week, about a dozen girls 10 and under from

the soccer club team the Sabercats practiced on the field.

While the girls squealed and chased after the soccer ball, coach Nori Grimes said it was a vast improvement over the old field, which was full of dirt holes with sprinkler heads poking out. The field largely turned into a marsh following the rain.

The girls were lucky to have the field all to themselves. Grimes expected two or three practices on the field as word got out.

"Soccer is a growing sport," she said, "and we need all the room we can get."

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STUDENTS PLAY in front of construction equipment at Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito on Monday. Construction on the school renovation was supposed to be finished before the summer break was over, but crews are running behind schedule.

## Harding

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"Why it happened is totally unexplainable," Jackson said. Other problems such as heavy dust simply stem from holding construction and classes simultaneously.

Parent Lesley LaVigne's family doctor advised her to move her asthmatic son to a different school, she said, until the dust literally settles.

## Gaucha

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saw the effect locally as well. A fellow student had 13 relatives arrive from New Orleans, she said.

"I really wanted to do something to help."

She spent the summer organizing the show and was still at it last week. A number of students are helping her out as well as elders Lu Tipping, Corey Mason, school principal Vince Rhea and father Gregg Mayer.

"It's really hard work, really stressful," Sophie said. "Right now, I'm applying to colleges and taking AP classes. It really is a huge load. I have a whole bunch of extracurriculars. I keep at it because I know it's going to be great."

She initially wanted to go with bands that are popular with young people — rock and punk. But she decided she wanted a more diverse selection of bands that would appeal to more people.

She recruited San Ramon rock band Glass Hour; Pablo Cela and Friends; Rhythm Bound, Albany

"It's not a light thing," LaVigne said, describing the whirls of dirt on campus. "It's swirling." The outrage parents expressed was magnified by delays in completion. No problems with construction would exist, they said, if the school had been finished in summer as promised.

"We came back on the first day of school expecting a new school," Johnson said, "and we're sadly disappointed."

Reach Shirley Dang at 510-262-2798 or sdang@cctimes.com.

High School's Motown and rhythm and blues combo; El Cerrito High School's jazz ensemble; and headliner Martin.

An Albany resident, Martin is a keyboardist and producer as well as a faculty member with the Jazzschool at UC Berkeley. He's performed or recorded with a number of jazz and pop music stars, including Sting, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Steve Winwood, Whitney Houston, Ray Charles, Madonna, Al Jarreau, Bobby McFerrin's Voicestra and many more.

"He's amazing," said Sophie, of Martin, a family friend. "He's playing at the end."

The cost for the show is \$5. Additional donations of money, canned and dried food and clothing will be accepted and given to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

More than raising money, though, Sophie hopes the event will also inspire others.

"I hope it inspires people my age to organize things like concerts," she said. "Something us youth would be more into than just giving money."

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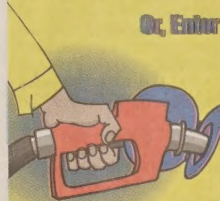
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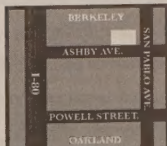
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## Even thinking about owning rental property is daunting

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Anet and I talk about buying another piece of property. Not something to live in but rather an investment. Prices have gone up and up years now and judging by the number of people who want to live in it, it seems likely that values will be high.

Also both my kids rent apartments so maybe they could live in something Anet and I buy. We're looking at property for sale all the time anyway and since we've had this idea we've made it a point to go see properties we might be interested in for ourselves.

We've run the numbers on quite a few. Figured what cash we'd need to get into something and what the monthly carrying costs would be. It would cost a lot.

We've looked at small houses priced as low as \$450,000 and at complexes priced up to about \$1,000,000. Even after renting them, it'd have to contribute a substantial amount of money to cover the expenses. Say, \$2,000 a month and depending on the building.

Of course it is completely possible that in 3 years or 5 years or 10 years, we will see that finding extra money to support a building would be money very well spent. But in the meantime we're not cash investment needs to be quite a bit more than what it initially costs to buy.

And we haven't figured in yet the restoration and repairs for a building would cost or

where we would get that money. Almost everything we'd be likely to buy would need something - paint, roof, sewer, and maybe more.

I asked Anet the other day what her goal with buying property was. She thought for a minute and said that it had to be appreciation. Isn't that why anyone buys real estate? Instead of investing in stocks or CD's, she'd invest in property. Someday it would be worth more and she'd sell and use the cash for something else.

So we added to our considerations how much a building would have to go up in value to make buying worthwhile. And we estimated what it would cost to hold onto the building and how much the expenses of sale would be. The totals were discouraging. Prices would have to rise quite a bit to make our investment good.

Still, not long ago we found a pair of flats that seemed promising. It appeared to need cosmetics but not mechanical or structural work and both units were large, three bedrooms with other sleeping areas possible. Kitchens and baths were good, there was a laundry in each unit, fairly adequate off-street parking, and also a pleasant yard.

For my son's current life situation, one of these apartments would work well. He could share with friends, each renting a room. It's even located within easy walking distance to his job.

Excellent now but probably not forever. At some point, if Anet and I owned this building, we'd need to

rent to others.



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There have been times when I was so frustrated and stressed by being a landlord, I swore I'd never be a landlord again.

I started thinking about the difficulty of finding a good tenant for apartments so large, briefly considered what it would be like to rent out rooms individually, and told Anet I didn't want to buy this one. Too many tenants, too much management, an investment that would be more like owning six or eight units than two.

Another downside for me is that this building will probably always be owned by investors. It probably cannot be changed into a property that someone who wants a single family house will buy. Which might be fine, but it would be nice to have a building with more flexibility of use.

## Real Estate Spotlight:

### Colonial in Claremont Pines



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Price: \$1,895,000. Open Sunday, Oct. 9, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Listing agent: Dee Knowland, Pacific Union, 510-338-1318, [www.deeknowlandrealty.com](http://www.deeknowlandrealty.com) or virtual tour

I already own a rental, a duplex that my husband and I bought years ago before we divorced. It's a nice building, one I would enjoy living in, and I have very good tenants. But I've had my turn with nightmare tenants, people who did not pay rent for months, nor did

they leave. Plus they ruined or removed parts of the building. There have been times when I was so frustrated and stressed by being a landlord, I swore I'd never be a landlord again.

Buildings do need maintenance and repair. I am responsible for wa-

ter heaters other than the one in my own house, plus roofs and refrigerators and fences. Not long ago the tenants in one of my apartments called very upset.

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Price: \$1,850,000.

Open Sunday, Oct. 16 and 23, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Listing Agent: Tami Bobb, Prudential California Realty, 510-919-8127.

## Tarpoiff

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Someone had gone to considerable trouble to get through a locked fence and then break through two exterior doors to get inside the apartment while the tenants were out.

It seemed so nonsensical and I felt very bad for them because there was nothing I could do except make repairs to the building.

Anet and I did make an offer on one duplex. The day it appeared on multiple listing, we went to look at the outside. We couldn't go in because the out of area listing agent had not made arrangements with the tenants for showing the apartments and was not going to have any open houses. Nor were there inspection reports available.

We figured that such indifferent marketing was to our advantage, that maybe others would be discouraged and maybe we could buy at asking price or close to it.

No chance. I don't know how many offers the agent received by fax a few days later but someone paid quite a bit more than list.

## Oakland Heritage Alliance seeks nominations

**THE OAKLAND HERITAGE ALLIANCE** The Oakland Heritage Alliance seeks nominations for its 2005 Partners in Preservation Awards. The awards honor Oakland citizens, organizations, projects, and programs whose works demonstrate a commitment to excellence in historic preservation.

They recognize projects downtown and in the neighborhoods, architectural preservation and rehabilitation projects and ongoing cultural events that make public Oakland's combined histories and promote preservation efforts.

Completed applications must be received by next Friday, Oct. 14. Applications are available at the OHA Web site [www.oaklandheritage.org](http://www.oaklandheritage.org). Nominations are accepted for activities completed within the last three years.

Entries will be accepted in the following categories: architectural projects, individuals, cultural projects/programs and other (media campaigns, newsletters, publications Web sites).

Oakland Heritage Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Oakland's significant architectural, cultural, and historic assets. This year, the organization celebrates its 25th anniversary.

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# Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

## FOR THE PUBLIC

### Home prices

Recent statistics show home prices increased over 20 percent, as compared with the same period last year, according to the California Association of Realtors. Additionally, sales increased 7 percent. CAR president Jim Hamilton commented that buyers may be moving quickly to make the home purchase decision in anticipation of future rate increases.

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**Thinking of selling?** "Your Home Team Advantage" (professionals from mortgage, title and Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors) presents a seminar that answers many questions for potential sellers. "Home Sales: Is Now The Right Time?" is 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13, in Alameda. Hear about selling during the holiday season and tips on home dressing to earn top dollar. RSVP by calling 510-865-4192 ext. 300.

**Home Dream.** "Realizing Your Homeownership Dream" is a workshop presented by Realtors Lexi Durst and Nicole Bailey of Clare-

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### Senior guides

Georgia Richardson of Richardson Real Estate Services is offering New Lifestyles, an area guide to senior residences and care options. Guides are available for the San Francisco Bay or the Sacramento/North Bay areas. To obtain a complimentary issue, contact Richardson at 510-569-3499.

### Inform

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The focus is an invited speaker and the discussion of important topics. The Inform helps realtors stay informed about the market, the community and the economy. Agents bring information on new listings for presentation. For ticket information contact Kristin McMahan of AAR at 510-523-7229.

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## GOOD NEIGHBORS

Realtor magazine's nomination for its sixth Good Neighbor Award ceremony have been chosen. The program seeks Realtors who are committed to community service. Five winners will be announced at the 2005 Realtors Conference & Expo in October.

■ The Good Neighbor Award winners are Realtors who made an extraordinary commitment to improving the quality of their communities through volunteer work. This year, five winners will receive \$7,500 grants for cause. A few of the past winners are names you might recognize.

■ A winner in 2000 was Carol Lee Brown.

■ James Pacheco of the East Association of Realtors was 2003 winner.

■ And the Berkeley Association of Realtors boasts one of last year's winners, Diane Mintz. Prestigious considering that in 5

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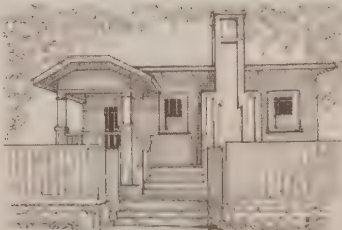
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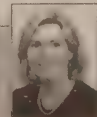
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# Pre-offer considerations for home buyers

Deposit could be at risk when backing out of offers

**MAN NEWS**  
Home buyers often go through an approach-avoidance dance when preparing to make an offer to buy a home. Buying a home is not only a huge investment for most people, it's also a commitment.

If you've been renting, you will no longer have the luxury of calling your landlord when the plumbing breaks down or the roof leaks to get the problems fixed.

If you're a repeat home buyer, you're probably already used to home maintenance drill. But if you're trading up to a larger home, you may be taking on a much bigger responsibility. That can be intimidating.

The first order of business is sort out your feelings about making the move. Are you ready for the increased responsibilities? You're not.

perhaps you should stay put now. On the other hand, if you continually find yourself straddling the home buying fence,

maybe you need to give yourself a nudge. A fact-finding foray could help you make a prudent decision.

**HOUSE HUNTING TIP:** For some people, it's useful to make a wish list of all the features you'd like to have in a home. You should also make note of the things you don't like about your current place. Be sure to check your wish list first when you're on the verge of making an offer.

You could be attracted to a listing because it has been beautifully decorated. But in most cases, you will buy the house without the furniture. Does the house work for you without the decorations?

Home buying involves compromises. But don't compromise by accepting features that you know from experience don't work for you.

Ideally, the home you buy should suit your long-term needs. Keep that in mind even if you have friends who recently made a lot of money on a home they bought a short time ago. There's no guarantee that appreciation will continue at its recent break-neck pace.

If you're new to home ownership, you may have the impression that home prices only go up. But history shows otherwise. During the early 1990s, after a big run up in prices, home prices dropped in many areas. In some places, it took years for those markets to recover.

Before making an offer, make sure that you're buying in the right location. Recently a buyer found a property to buy that suited her needs perfectly. She made an offer on the property and it was accepted.

However, after a sleepless night, she realized that she could never feel safe living in the neighborhood and she backed out of the contract.

Your deposit could be at risk if you back out, depending on how your contract is written. To be on the safe side, spend some time in the neighborhood before you make an offer.

Many buyers in high priced housing markets are opting for potentially risky mortgages in order to be able to buy at all.

According to Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies 2005 State of the Nation's Housing Re-



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House Hunting

port, adjustable-rate mortgages, no-down payment and interest-only mortgages all gained in popularity this year.

**THE CLOSING:** Make sure you understand the potential risks involved in a mortgage product you're considering by asking your mortgage broker or loan agent to present you with a worst possible case scenario.

Dian Hymer can be reached at 510-339-4777 or by e-mail at Dian@Dianhymer.com.



**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE:** Volunteers at Operation Ryan's Hope are working to get needed supplies to Hurricane Katrina's victims.

## Title company manager works for hurricane relief

■ Chicago Title's Scott Thompson seeks donations to help defray transportation costs

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY  
SECTION EDITOR

Mari Richardson of Ryan Machinery & Equipment, Inc in Burlingame has a very special 7-year-old son who started a project to get supplies to Hurricane Katrina's victims and evacuees. Her son's project grew into an initiative to send donated supplies by truck into the area Katrina devastated.

Richardson started by getting in touch with the mayors in the affected towns and cities to find out what types of supplies they needed. At first, she accepted donations of clothing, food, baby supplies and household items.

"I planned to fill and send one

Together with volunteers and donations, we feel we can really make a difference.

Mari Richardson  
Ryan Machinery & Equipment

donated truck and, if the response was positive, possibly raise money to rent, fill and send a second one behind the first," she said. "The response has been truly amazing and overwhelming."

In just one week Richardson became overloaded with supplies. "Together with volunteers and donations, we feel we can really

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## Reid

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There were 25 winners from all over the country and three were from the Bay Area. For more details call 800-4-6500.

## LEADERSHIP

The council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers Northern California Chapter presents a Special Education Session, 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 29, in San Francisco. Real estate consultant Carole Reid will speak on "Leadership in Managing For Profitability". American Title Company spon-

sors the event. For details e-mail jbanuat@coldwellbanker.com.

## REIO

The premier source of online real estate data to aid agents and industry specialists has been upgraded. Real Estate Insights Online (REIO), a subscription service offered by the National Association of Realtors includes new and expanded real estate research information packaged in a fresh design that's user friendly. The service is available at realtor.org.

## UPSTAGE

UpStagers offers upbeat home styling for Bay Area real estate.

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## TIDBITS

■ Ivan Barriga of Wells Fargo and Antoine Pirson of Wells & Bennett have joined forces to help Oakland school keep their doors open. The Barriga and Pirson plan to donate a portion of all their mortgage and real estate transaction commissions. Find out about the pro-

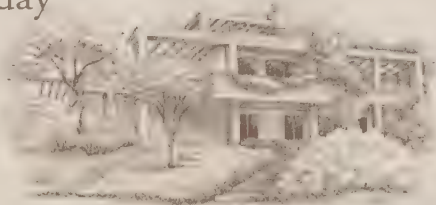
gram by logging onto [www.antoine.pirson.name](http://www.antoine.pirson.name).

■ After watching current events, Ira and Carol Serkes of RE/Max Executive in Berkeley decided to be pro-active and help their clients prepare for disasters. They will present podcasts on how to prepare. You can link to the podcasts at [www.berkeleyhomes.com](http://www.berkeleyhomes.com).

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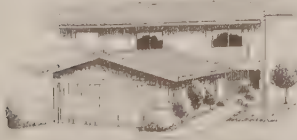
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# Is this paint too good to be true?

KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

**Q:** There is a paint I've heard advertised that comes with claims of never having to paint again — no chipping, flaking, peeling — and reduced surface temperature. Can it be true?

**A:** I've heard the ads, too, but I have yet to try out the paint. I asked a couple of professional painters about the product, and their response was that it hasn't been around long enough for them to judge. (Since the pros' chief competition is siding, I tend to believe their answer.)

By reduced surface temperature, do you mean that the paint has insulation qualities? That I can believe — a number of paints or paint additives introduced over the last decade do. By using these paints on an interior wall, the room temperature can be reduced by as much as five degrees in the summer or increased

by five degrees in the winter. Colleagues have used this insulating paint and have reported satisfactory results. (For information on paint quality and use, visit Rohm & Haas

problems such as rot and roof leaks, the paint around those areas may rapidly be in trouble.

If the paint does what the ads say it will, that would be great. As

the floor. The paint job lasted about a month. Then I noticed in a few spots that the paint was beginning to flake; in other spots, small bubbles developed. What did I do wrong?

**A:** Your only mistake was to assume that once the floor was painted. When you deal with a porous material such as concrete at the lowest point of your house, you're also dealing with moisture intrusion, which is not easy to control and can compromise a paint job.

A painted basement floor requires periodic maintenance to address dampness issues, which can result from moisture either in the air or rising through the concrete.

You can reduce the moisture content by purchasing a dehumidifier large enough to handle the

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Paint Quality Institute Web site, [www.paintquality.com](http://www.paintquality.com).)

My experience with exterior painting over the last 30 years has shown that surface preparation is a big part of how long a paint job lasts. Another factor is weather. Too windy, and it dries too quickly. Too sunny, and it dries too quickly and unevenly. Too humid, and it dries too slowly. If you don't take care of

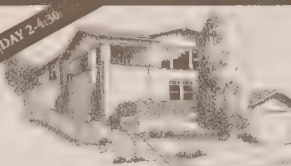
with any new product, I buy and try. But I also look to see whether there's a money-back guarantee and a staffed 800 number or Web site where I can direct any questions.

**Q:** I wanted to paint the concrete floor of my basement. I bought a couple of gallons of a gray paint recommended for use on concrete floors. I followed all the instructions and put two coats of the paint on

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## Paint

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As for the floor itself, try experimenting with primers and paint to see whether some brands handle the moisture better than others. The situation is slightly different; you need to come up with a solution that works for you.

**Q:** Your recent response to the how concerned that a fascia board isn't the size labeled was quite interesting. I ran into the same problem with a replacement window. The box stated it was to be 15 by 47 inches. Shipping box stated it was 14.5 by 46.5 inches centered on existing mortar anchors. Seems they call it "nominal measurement."

**A:** Whatever happened to plain old wood in commerce? Fraud is fraud in any other context. Forget predated standard building codes; it is

When it comes to lumber, there is actual size and nominal size. Nominal is the size of a piece of lumber before it is dressed and seasoned.

out-and-out deception of standard business practices. An inch is an inch; anything less, or more, is either error or deception. My complaints and concerns were just ignored. I ate the loss, and I'm a little wiser now. I suspect it is a form of universal metric conversion.

It does, however, point to the need for research and education before you buy, especially if you are a do-it-yourselfer. My rule of thumb is to expect a problem that will require some effort on your part to solve.

When it comes to lumber, there is actual size and nominal size. "Nominal" is the size of a piece of lumber before it is dressed and seasoned; the term is used to designate a particular-sized piece, such as a 2-by-4 or a 2-by-6.

"Actual" refers to minimum acceptable size after it has been dressed and seasoned. A nominal 2-by-4 can have a minimum actual size of 1.5-by-3.5.

Building codes standardized these sizes. Before, a 2-by-4 could have been 2 inches by 4 inches or 1 by 3, and so on. I don't think the manufacturer went out of its way to deceive you. But I do think the manufacturer expected you to know more than you did.

*Have questions for Alan J. Heavens? Send them to The Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 8263, 400 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 19101 or aheavens@phillynews.com. Heavens is the author of "What No One Ever Tells You About Renovating Your Home," published by Dearborn Trade.*

## 'Qualifying' property necessary for 1031 exchange

**Q:** I had a couple questions regarding the 1031 issue. We recently had a 1031 company come into our office and give us detailed information about their practice. They stated that a married couple is allowed the normal \$500,000 profit on a primary residence. If their gain was \$600,000, they could take their normal \$500,000 exclusion, and then 1031 exchange the \$100,000 into an investment property.

The 1031 company stated that this rule regarding the rollover recently changed, allowing sellers to exchange and defer any gain over



**TOM HAMILTON**  
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In a like-kind exchange, both the property you give up and the property you receive must be held by you for investment or for productive use in your trade or business. Machinery, buildings, land, trucks,

Residences are not considered investment property and therefore fall outside the rules for 1031 Like-Kind Exchanges. Unless there is another part of the IRS Code that conflicts with this direct statement, you have been given incorrect information.

and above the \$500,000 allowance. Have we been misinformed, as this information conflicts with the information you gave in your article.

**A:** According to the IRS in Publication 544, you must have "qualifying property" to exchange under IRS rules for "1031 Exchanges." As described below, "Property you use for personal purposes, such as your home and your family car" are not allowed to be exchanged.

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The following is the definition of "Qualifying Property" from IRS Publication 544, pages 10 and 11. (A Publication 544 PDF can be downloaded from the IRS Web site: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p544.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p544.pdf).)

and rental houses are examples of property that may qualify. The rules for like-kind exchanges do not apply to exchanges of the six following types of property:

1. Property you use for personal purposes, such as your home and your family car.
2. Stock in trade or other property held primarily for sale, such as inventories, raw materials, and real estate held by dealers.
3. Stocks, bonds, notes, or other securities or evidences of indebtedness, such as accounts receivable.
4. Partnership interests.
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## Maximize outdoor space with PVC

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No matter where you live, chances are your home includes outdoor living space in the form of a patio, deck or balcony. To get the most out of this valuable space, it needs to be furnished like any indoor room.

When selecting outdoor furniture, you want something attractive, weatherproof, lightweight, durable and easy to clean. If you're a do-it-yourselfer, now you can add "easy to build" and "inexpensive" to the list.

Almost anyone can create this handsome outdoor dining set in just a couple of weekends and at a fraction of the cost of ready-made furniture. The secret is PVC pipe. For the set pictured here, all you need is 96 feet of schedule 40 PVC pipe, a few pipe joints and caps, particle board and plastic laminate, canvas, glue and nails.

To build, simply cut the pipe to length, assemble with PVC cement and add the table top and chair seats. Depending on

the builder's choice, the pipe may be left white or painted.

The PVC Dining Set plan, No. 665, is \$9.95 and includes step-by-step directions with photos, construction diagrams, sewing instructions for the chair cushions, separate shopping lists and cutting schedules for the table and chairs (so it's easy to add extra chairs), an option for a round table top and a toll-free help line for project questions.

A package of four PVC plans, No. C25, is available for \$24.95 and includes this plan plus plans for a lawn swing, a set of lawn furniture and a twin-seater. A catalog picturing hundreds of do-it-yourself projects is \$2. Please include \$3 for postage and handling (except catalog-only orders) and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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make a difference," Richardson said. "We are not a non-profit, we are not an organization we are just people helping people."

One of the volunteers is Scott Thompson, owner-operator of Thompson Transport and the marketing manager at Chicago Title Company in Albany.

And Thompson hopes that his colleagues in the real estate community can help.

"We need to raise \$5,000 before Tuesday, Oct. 20," said Thompson. "We are donating his time and the labor to the project. The money is needed to rent a truck and pay for gas and expenses Thompson will incur delivering supplies to Louisiana."

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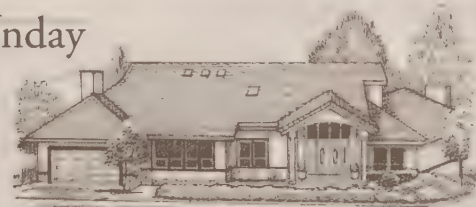
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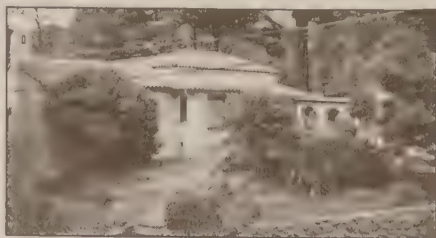
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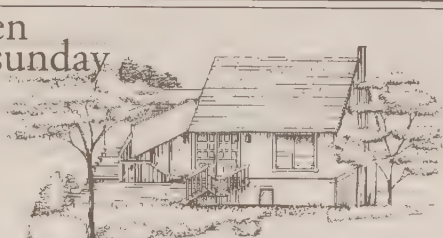
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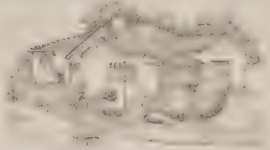
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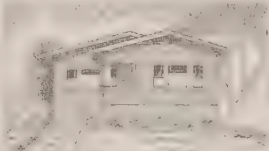
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**KENSINGTON - NEW!** \$649,000  
2/1 - Location! 1924 Craftsman home in the heart of Kensington. Hardwood floors, formal living room with fireplace, great yard. 1644 Oakview Avenue Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$399,000  
2/1 - Stylish, semi-detached with remodeled kitchen & bath with stone counters & tile floors, bamboo flooring, large private patio. 2928 Morgan Avenue Open 1-4



**ALBANY** \$639,000  
3/2.5 - New townhomes near Solano Avenue. Stylish architecture with gourmet kitchen, yards. More at [www.1010KainsAlbany.com](http://www.1010KainsAlbany.com). 1012 Kains Avenue Open 1-4



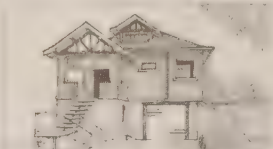
**BERKELEY** \$1,150,000  
4+2.5 - Beautiful Walter Ratcliff architecture built in 1909 with lovely details, over 3,000 sq. ft. in convenient Elmwood location. 2929 Benvenue Avenue Open 2-4:30



**MARTINEZ - NEW!** \$649,000  
3/2 - Alhambra Valley charmer with potential in-law unit. Moments to Nancy Boyd Park. A must see! 94 Valley Avenue Open 2-4



**RICHMOND - NEW!** Price Upon Request  
2+2 - Adorable bungalow in lovely N&E area. Built-ins, hardwood floors, fireplace, custom colors, formal dining & yard. It's a cutie! 2732 Downer Avenue Open 2-4



**BERKELEY** \$499,000  
2/1.5 - Charming condo with hardwood floors, patio, 2-story, close to College restaurants & shops! Don't miss it! 6422 Benvenue Avenue Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$949,000  
4/4 - Large, 2-story English Craftsman in the Elmwood. 12 rooms with endless possibilities. Hardwood floors, fireplaces, Bay windows. 2649 Russell Street Open 1-4



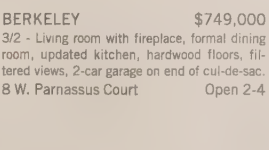
**OAKLAND** \$790,000  
3/2 - Or a 2/1 with 1 bedroom unit. Italian farmhouse surrounded by private gardens. Craftsman details, vaulted ceilings, more. 428 Avon Street Open 2-4



**PITTSBURG** \$449,500  
2/2 - New interior and exterior paint. Granite counters. Central air/heat. 3781 Crestview Drive Open 1-4



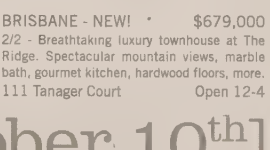
**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$829,000  
3/2 - Huge single family home. 3,200 sq.ft. of living space, 2 kitchens, big yard, great location. More @ [www.heidiandjerry.com](http://www.heidiandjerry.com). 1235 Stannage Avenue Open 2-4



**BERKELEY** \$589,000  
2/1 - Lovely home with detached in-law unit with built-ins, formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood, full basement, garden & more. 2211 Browning Street Open 1-4



**BERKELEY** \$749,000  
3/2 - Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, filtered views, 2-car garage on end of cul-de-sac. 8 W. Parnassus Court Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$575,000  
2/1 - Laurel! Fantastic, upgraded home on a beautiful street. Stylish kitchen & remodeled bath, more. Photos @ [www.redoakrealty.com](http://www.redoakrealty.com). 2515 Carmel Street Open 2-4

**BRISBANE - NEW!** \$679,000  
2/2 - Breathtaking luxury townhouse at The Ridge. Spectacular mountain views, marble bath, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, more. 111 Tanager Court Open 12-4

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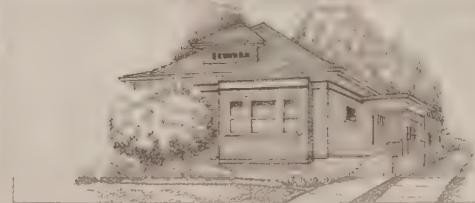
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Located near Alameda's gold coast, this lovely 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is a dream come true! The living room and formal dining room are bright and sunny with lots of windows and hardwood floors. The original woodwork provides charm and warmth in every room. Walk out onto the back deck to enjoy the large, beautifully landscaped yard. This home is move-in ready. Don't miss it!

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# Homeowners are taking it outside

Ring phones and Blackberry refrigerators that tell you when you're out of milk, mobile offices — we're relentlessly bombarded with technology and working. Not just our work, but it seems we are unwittingly included in the guy-next-door's conversation too. It's no wonder we're constantly looking for ways to escape with family and friends. Americans are rediscovering their homes and finding they have an escape right in their own backyard. After all, they already have the property, they've spent hours making their garden a show place and all their friends know the address. Homeowners are taking their passion for remodeling outside and turning patios into retreats, virtual mini resorts right at home. Though we're taking it to a higher level. Just about five years ago the average backyard entertainment consisted of a simple grill and picnic table, now we're looking at outside with a more discriminating eye.

Manufacturers are taking notice. Viking, Weber and GE are meeting the demand by offering commercial grade appliances for outdoor kitchens. Backyard-

homeowners are taking their passion for remodeling outside and turning patios into retreats, virtual mini resorts right at home. Though enjoying the backyard isn't a new idea, we're taking it to a higher level.

april.com offers an all weather TV. Outdoor upholstery is much more sophisticated with fabric houses such as Kravet, Inc. of New York. Working in with new weather resistant fabrics. There are even lighting lights that look like table lamps for your pool designed by Victor Serrano for Spanish light manufacturer Metalarte. With all these options, an outdoor model can range between \$100 and \$60,000.

Outdoor living design isn't all that different than interior design. When you are entertaining outdoors, an outdoor kitchen will help minimize numerous trips into the house and you won't have to heat the house with the range. While considering an outdoor kitchen, think about how you use your indoor kitchen. Have appliances in the proximity for ease of preparation and clean up. Consider having a gas line professionally run to the grill to alleviate filling propane tanks. Refrigerators, ice makers and warming drawers are other options for your outdoor kitchen. Countertops should be made of a material that can withstand any weather condition, is easy to clean and is mold and mildew resistant, such as ceramic. Don't forget the kitchen sink. Choose a faucet with a high goose neck and sprayer.

An outdoor living room is the perfect complement to the outdoor kitchen. Again, apply the same principles to arranging the furniture as you would in your indoor living room. Chairs and sofas should be comfortable and placed such a way as to promote conversation. Make sure you have plenty of occasional tables for guests to place a drink or plate. Define and unify the space with a sisal mat or inset a tile "rug" that is different than the surrounding surface. When choosing furniture, choose square tables instead of large ones. The two tables can be pushed together for a large party or separated for a friendly gathering of cards. Consider a table of ceramic tile as a unique feature from the typical glass tops. Space permits, an outdoor fire pit provides a great place to roast marshmallows and offers warmth in early spring and well into the fall.

When choosing materials, appliances and furnishings, you must consider exposure to elements. Outdoor products should be durable and weather resistant as well as easy to clean and maintain. For backyard bliss that will last long the days of summer have ceramic solutions by Tile of Spain. Ceramic tiles are resistant to fading from ultraviolet rays; inhibit the growth of mold, mildew and fungus; and when installed correctly, can last up to 40 years. They will not rot, attract termites or require painting. An eco-friendly

covering made from 100 percent plentiful raw materials, ceramic tiles do not require toxic detergents and waxes for maintenance.

Manufacturers from Tile of Spain are constantly researching and developing processes and products to enhance the safety and design of ceramic tile. Technologies, such as new glazes, enable companies to produce slip resistant, weatherproof and frost resistant surfaces for patios, pools and more.

Combining different styles in tile will create a custom outdoor retreat. Ceramic tiles are available in a wide range of formats from accent pieces and mosaics to the familiar squares

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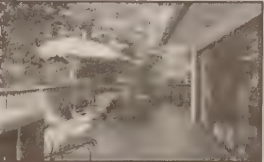
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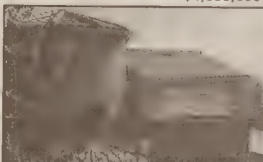
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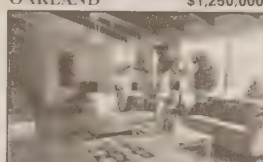
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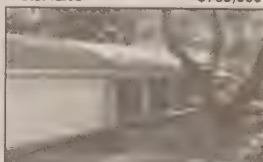
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**Sweet Adams Point Condo.** Pristine 1bd/1ba with newer appliances, private terra-cotta tiled balcony, abundant closet space. Great option for first time homebuyer.





## Outside

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Thinking of stone for your new outdoor space? Tile of Spain branded manufacturers, Halcon and Garogres offer the stone look in tile. The Urbe Collection by Halcon Ceramics offers a more cost efficient alternative to stone with a rugged rustic appearance. The collection is available in four colors and is available in 16-inch x 16-inch tiles and 4-inch x 16-inch bricks, perfect for walls, bars and fireplaces. The Roncal Series by Garogres is porcelain stoneware in 16-inch x 17-inch that also captures the characteristics of natural stone with texture and relief. Each tile is produced with finger-like protrusions that interlock when laid to eliminate the grid effect. These tiles are suitable for outdoor applications that may experience seasonal temperature fluctuations as they are frost resistant and designed to be used in areas where slip resistance is needed.

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**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$1,690,000**  
850 Highland. 4 BR/3 BA mediterranean architectural details. Lg LR, Fmtl DR, FR off kitchen.  
Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine (510) 428-0900

**OAKLAND**

**Sunday 2-5** **\$2,150,000**  
162 Beechwood Dr. 5 BR/4 BA views. Spectacular home, dream kitchen.  
Beth Barger (510) 428-0900

**Walk to Village!** **\$1,350,000**  
Montclair spacious 4 BR/3.5 BA in Redwoods. By appt. 510-593-5637  
Diane Klein (510) 527-9800

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$1,195,000**  
680 Via Rialto. Luxury 5 BR/3.5 BA home w/ 3200 sq.ft. and spectacular bay views.  
Millie Lombardi (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-5** **\$1,049,000**  
9383 Skyline Blvd. Fabulous 3 BR/2 BA contemporary in rare location near Redwood Park.  
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**Sunday 2-5** **\$799,000**  
7025 Pinehaven Road. The ultimate, upscale 3 BR/2+ BA treehouse!  
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**Sunday 2-5** **\$745,000**  
3374 Jordan. New! Redwood Heights 2 story 4 BR/3 BA au pair pos. Charm.  
Kathleen Crandall (510) 868-1400

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$739,000**  
2747 Mountain Gate. Light-filled 3 BR/2 BA preserved 50's modern.  
Janel Flint (510) 339-9290

**OAKLAND**

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$650,000**  
1415 Barrows Road. New price on 2 BR/1 BA probate fixer in great area.  
Janet Flint (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$630,000**  
256 Covington. Great all-level 2 BR/2 BA home in historic Sheffield Village.  
Myrtice Wong (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$599,000**  
3689 Virden. 2+ BR/2 BA. Bungalow w/ gourmet kitchen and views.  
Brian Santilena (510) 428-0900

**Sat & Sun 2-4:30** **\$475,000**  
311 Oak St., #517. Unique loft @ Jack London Square.  
Marina Vayuen (510) 868-1400

**Sunday 12-5** **\$450,000**  
2701 55th Ave. Maxwell Park, great potential! 4 BR.  
Jeanette Vento (510) 845-0211

**Sunday 1-4** **\$425,000**  
2430 11th Ave. 2 BR/1 BA, hardwood floors, new kitchen & bath, big lot.  
Mimi Falge (510) 834-2010

**Sunday 1-4** **\$400,000**  
9443 Peach St. 2 BR/1 BA, w/family room.  
Catrina 337-8670  
Calina Haney (510) 337-8670

**Sat & Sun 2-4:30** **\$399,500**  
6300 Monadnock. Beautifully renovated 2 BR in Millisport. Rear yard tool  
Amberson "Mac" McCulloch (510) 834-2010

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**OAKLAND**

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$399,000**  
5890 Vallejo. Designer cottage Emeryville convenience, fruit yard!  
Wendy Kashiwa (510) 868-1400

**SAN LEANDRO**

**Sunday 1-4** **\$875,000**  
1834 Skyview Dr. 4 BR/2.5 BA. Single story, prestigious neighborhood.  
Jim Parkhurst (510) 527-9800

**BERKELEY**

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$1,650,000**  
1395 Grizzly Pk. Berkeley. 4+ BR pano view, indoor pool & hot tub. \$ redux  
Henriette Lanier Green (510) 834-2010

**BERKELEY**

**Sunday 2-5** **\$636,000**  
2316 7th St., Berkeley. Craftsman gem! All new! 3 BR/2 BA 6k sq.ft. lot. Fabulous!  
Janesta Downey (510) 868-1563

**Sunday 2-4:30** **\$459,000**  
2335 10th St., Berkeley. 2 BR/1 BA gorgeous 1 of 4 cottages w/ great yard. Hardwood floors.  
Aliya Johnson (510) 868-1400

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 1:30-5** **\$1,075,000**  
102 Sonora Court, Oakley. 5 BR/3 BA, 3850 sq.ft. Bldg 2003. Pool, cul-de-sac.  
Kathrina Verzosa (510) 918-8838

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 1-4** **\$629,000**  
6602 Stockton, El Cerrito. Sunbathed restored BR/2 BA. Master suite, chef kitchen.  
Lillie Brady (510) 640-1000

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**Exquisite Duplex** **\$999,000**  
Both units over 1200 sq.ft. 3 BR/2.5 BA. 2 Bath. Lge lot & dev potential.  
Kathy Gil (510) 276-2021

**Sunday 1-5** **\$750,000**  
2814 California St., Berkeley. 2 level duplex. 2 BR. Rear - 3 BR/1.5 BA + bonus rm.  
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**Sunday 2-4** **\$750,000**  
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- Always turn off power at the service panel before starting work.
  - Unplug any appliances you will be working on.
  - Post a sign on the service panel indicating that you are working on the circuits so nobody tries to restore power.
  - Labeling the wires will make your repairs easier — and safer.
  - Avoid making yourself an electrical conductor in the event of an emergency:
    - Make sure you are not standing on a wet floor.
    - Use a wooden, rather than a metal, stepladder.
    - Don't touch bare metal, such as pipe or ducts, in the work area.
  - Use shoes with rubber soles and tools with rubber grips.
  - Have a friend or family member assist you.
  - Have all tools on hand before you start.
  - When in doubt, call an electrician.

**Tools of the trade:**

Surge protectors help keep your appliances safe if there is a spike or surge in the power grid.

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**SAN LORENZO**  
1590 VIA CONEJO  
3BD/1BA - Charming home in the Village. Large rear yard with beautiful trees, fruit. The living rm, bonus rm/office, free painted. Asking Price: \$499,000

**SAN LEANDRO NEW LISTING!**  
Open Sat. & Sun. 10/8-10/9 1-4pm  
13919 Seagate Drive  
3BD/2 5BA. Eat in kitchen, vaulted ceilings, wet bar. Attached 2 car garage. Adjacent to Monarch Bay Golf Course. Close to restaurants, transportation, & San Leandro Marina. \$549,000


**2519 GALLEON PLACE**  
3 BD/2.5 BA. At Manna Seagate. Monarch Bay Golf Course, pool, tennis. Asking Price: \$510,000

**172 OAKES BLVD.**  
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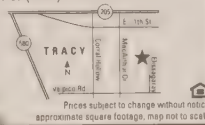


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**753 Santa Barbara, Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00  
Elegant, large Tudor sited on huge, beautifully landscaped lot. This gracious home is perfect for entertaining and easy living. Large living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen, library open to level backyard. 5 bdms (4 on 1 level), 3 baths, play room, office w/separate entrance, dark room, & lots of storage.  
Maya Trilling 524-9888 x18 \$1,680,000



**7155 Norfolk Rd., Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00  
New Listing! Classic 4+bedrooms, 3.5 baths Mediterranean. Stunning Claremont Canyon & partial Bay Views. Sunny gourmet kitchen w/family room. Alder floors, cathedral ceilings, hand-plastered walls, 2 fireplaces, great floor plan w/office, play room off bedrooms & bonus room, large grassy backyard. Truly serene yet EZ commute to SF Montclair, College Ave.  
Chris & Sandy 524-9888 x54 \$1,540,000



**2470 Cedar Street, Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30  
New Listing! Gracious & Spacious! Grand colonial in No. Berkeley occupies over 3600 sq. ft. on double lot. Library & banquet-size dining rm off inviting entry. Glorious living rm w/frpl marched upstairs w/equally lrg master. 5 fireplaces total! 2 add'l bdms each w/its own frpl, plus study & 2 baths upstairs. 3rd bath down. Sep. gar./storage area. Nr all amenities.  
Arlene Baxter 524-9888 x19 \$1,150,000



**616 The Alameda, Berkeley**  
By Appointment  
Quintessential Berkeley! Builder's own home in 1924. Large living room enjoys dramatic view. Wood ceilings and detailing throughout. Spacious, formal dining room. Big lot with meandering paths and lush foliage.  
Barbara Conheim 524-9888 x28 \$1,100,000



**1111 Alvarado, Berkeley/Oakland**  
(@ Amato, Behind Claremont Hotel)  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00  
New Listing! Captivating Claremont Canyon views with a peek of the Bay from this 1996 classic contemporary. Nice flow of living room, dining room and kitchen. 4 bdms, 2.5 baths. Abundant storage & 2-car garage. Terrific value in best locale!  
Nancy Muller 524-9888 x20 \$949,000



**42 Highgate Rd., Kensington**  
Open Sunday 2:00-4:30  
New Listing! View home in desirable Kensington. 3 bdrm/2 ba plus study that could be 4th bdrm. Gracious LR with view and fireplace. Gourmet kitchen with 6 burner Wolf range and cupboards galore. Formal dining rm, lg family rm w/fireplace. Deck, patio, terraced garden w/fruit trees. Well built home with extensive retro-fitting.  
Gay Austin & Kay Kruse 510-524-9888 x51 \$925,000



**702 Stannage, Albany**  
By Appointment Only  
New Listing! 4-plex in great location. All one-bedroom units each with attached garages. Close to BART and Solano Avenue.  
Bill and Tracy 524-9888 x33 \$729,000



**150 Woodfield, Hercules**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00  
Best Buy! Bring An Offer!! 5 bdms, 3 baths. Located at the end of a block in a cozy neighborhood. Gracious living room & dining area. Family rm w/brick frpl & sliding doors to deck, hot tub & gazebo. New gas range w/convection oven. Wood floors. Custom blinds, new roof & garage door. HOA w/pool & clubhouse.  
Gay and Kay 524-9888 x51 \$725,000



**1138 Washington Ave., Albany**  
By Appointment Only  
New Listing! Rare 4-plex in Albany. All studio units. Great location close to BART and Solano amenities. Detached garages.  
Bill & Tracy 524-9888 x33 \$669,000



**911 Modoc, Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00  
New Listing! A true Berkeley Original, this fabulous 2-bdrm home is chock full of unpainted Craftsman details: inlaid wood floors, wood-mullioned windows & matching entry door, chair & plate rails, frieze moldings, inset ceilings, bkcase-flanked frpl w/drop-leaf desk, leaded glass hatch... Large, sunny bkrfst rm makes a great office.  
Bill & Tracy 524-9888 x33 \$635,000



**619 Madison St., Albany**  
Open Sunday, 2:00-4:00  
New Listing! Beautifully maintained home on Albany Hill built in 1960 with views East to the Berk. hills. 3Bdrm, 2Ba. Hdwd flr, frpl. Many upgrades. Dual-paneled windows, new exterior paint, seismic retrofit, newer roof, and more.  
Ample storage. Albany schools.  
Jean Anka 524-9888 x16 \$618,000



**706 Pomona Ave., Albany**  
By Appointment  
2-bedroom Spanish-style home with spectacular living room and abundant charm. Interior has beautiful gunwood details, built-ins in formal dining room & hardwood floors throughout. This wonderful location is seconds from Memorial Park & all the Solano Avenue amenities.  
Bill and Tracy 524-9888 x33 \$585,000

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## ★ ★ NEW PIEDMONT AVENUE LISTING! ★ ★ ★ ★ Open House - Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm ★ ★



**3 Bedrooms & 2+ Bathrooms**  
**1780 Pleasant Valley Road**  
**Offered @ \$824,000**

### Stunning Remodeled Craftsman in the Piedmont Ave. Shopping District

If you would love to live in a classic Craftsman Bungalow that has retained all of its original charm, but want it to be tastefully remodeled and updated, then this home is for you. A perfect mix of old and new coexist here. Original gleaming hardwood floors, architectural detailing, period lighting, and the traditional floor plan are all melded together with the modern conveniences like a "magazine" quality eat-in kitchen, master bed and bath, totally remodeled bathrooms, designer colors and updated systems. The 3 bedrooms and 2+ bathrooms make for a home that will meet all of your needs. The layout is great for entertaining, yet still allows for private places to read and relax. The just finished kitchen is a dream of all new stainless steel appliances, acres of granite counters and tons of cabinetry await the cook and all helpers. The kitchen has a cozy spot for a casual meal and is just off the backyard patio. You will be able to enjoy real indoor/outdoor living here. A beautiful fireplace, built-in bookshelves and China cabinet, craftsman detailing like stepped ceilings and columns make this home a real 10!

You can't ask for a better location. Just steps from your door is the exciting Piedmont Avenue shopping district, with every type of restaurant from a stop for a quick bite to the well renowned. A neighborhood grocery store, food shops, antique stores and more await you on Piedmont Avenue. The rest of the bay area is close by with access to public transportation, freeways, BART and more. You will never be without a close cup of coffee when you call this stunning house your home.

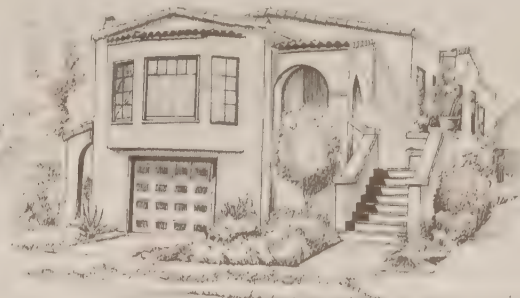
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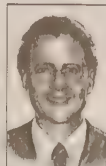
**ONLINE TOUR @ www.1780PleasantValley.Com**

**Craftsman Wrapped in a Mediterranean — Baja Rockridge**  
**552 North St. @ Telegraph — Open Sunday, October 9, 1:30 to 5**



**Offered at \$599,000**

**Original Craftsman Interior, Hardwood Floors, Built-Ins and Tiled Fireplace**  
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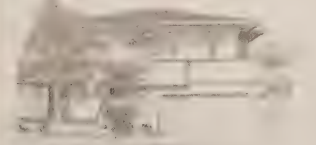
## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00PM – 4:30PM



**175 VILLANOVA DRIVE \$1,475,000**

**Montclair.** New Price! Gorgeous newer home with great level yard and views. 3++ bedrooms/3.5 baths, superb quality. Minutes to freeways.

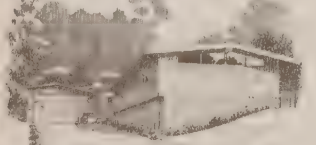
Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251



**5132 COCHRANE AVENUE \$1,395,000**

**Rockridge, Upper.** Sophisticated Art Deco style newer home, 3+bedrooms/2+ baths, family room, decks, hill views, cook's kitchen, AC, two-car garage, great for entertaining.

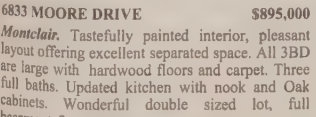
Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261



**6727 PINEHAVEN \$1,150,000**

**Montclair.** Unique property in Tahoe setting. Four bedrooms, three bath all on one level. Four car garage with full bath and utilities. 1/3 acre.

Fred Perkins 531-7000 x282



**6833 MOORE DRIVE \$895,000**

**Montclair.** Tastefully painted interior, pleasant layout offering excellent separated space. All 3BD are large with hardwood floors and carpet. Three full baths. Updated kitchen with nook and Oak cabinets. Wonderful double sized lot, full basement, 2-car garage.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



**5611 FLORENCE TERRACE \$759,000**

**Montclair Hills.** Location! Location! Traditional home with original details. Set back from street, large living room with vaulted ceiling. Formal dining, large eat-in kitchen. 3BD/1BA, easy access to freeway and public transportation.

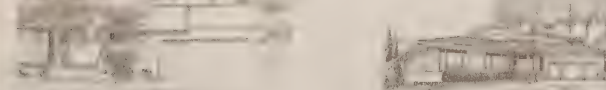
Jaya Bhimani 531-7000 x289



**1735 LEIMERT BLVD. \$689,000**

**Oakmore.** Exceptional charming 2 bedrooms/1 bath home in the desirable Oakmore neighborhood. Lush landscaping, private backyard setting and bright, sunny rooms. Plus treestop views of the bay and convenient access to freeways and casual car pool.

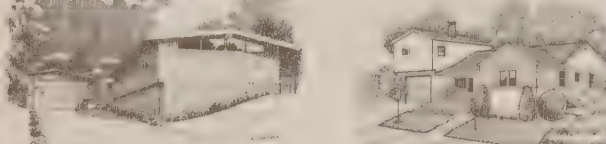
Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232



**41 ELYSIAN FIELDS DRIVE \$640,000**

**Sequoia Highlands.** 3 bedrooms/2 bath level in Rancher, very private in a sylvan setting. Great patio area to enjoy the serenity. New carpet, fresh paint, many upgrades; very desired area.

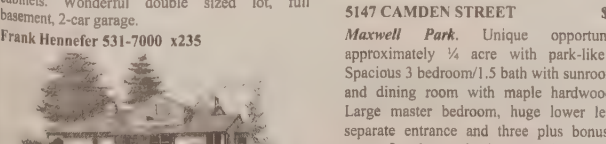
Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238



**2204 ARLINGTON AVENUE \$645,000**

**San Leandro.** Welcome to Fairmont Terrace! This beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath home includes a spacious living room with fireplace, an open light filled dining area adjacent to a lovely kitchen with granite counters, travertine floors and maple cabinets. Interior access from garage. Terrific backyard and deck. Lovely front yard. Must See!

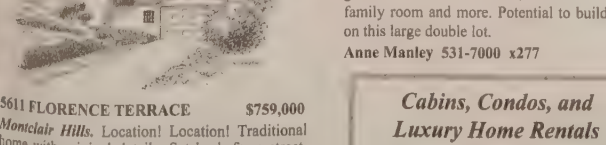
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



**5147 CAMDEN STREET \$629,000**

**Maxwell Park.** Unique opportunity on approximately 1/4 acre with park-like setting. Spacious 3 bedroom/1.5 bath with sunroom, living and dining room with maple hardwood floors. Large master bedroom, huge lower level with separate entrance and three plus bonus rooms—great for home business, artist/music studio, family room and more. Potential to build 2<sup>nd</sup> unit on this large double lot.

Anne Manley 531-7000 x277



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**822 KEY ROUTE \$595,000**

**Albany.** Stroll to Solano! Affordable Albany treasure with master suite and 2<sup>nd</sup> bedroom. 2 full baths, updated kitchen, separate office with skylights and built-ins, fireplace, hardwood floors, yard and front garden.

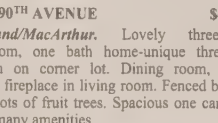
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



**4419 CAMDEN STREET \$519,000**

**Maxwell Park.** New Price! Spacious mid-century home on quiet cul-de-sac! Three bedroom, one and a half bath with mstr suite, large living room with fireplace and view, gorgeous hardwood floors, large "retro" eat-in kitchen, two-car garage, great patio and terraced gardens.

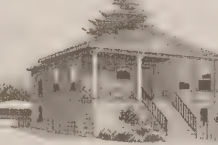
Margaret Acevedo 531-7000 x244



**2344 90<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE \$479,000**

**Oakland/MacArthur.** Lovely three plus bedroom, one bath home—unique three level design on corner lot. Dining room, laundry room, fireplace in living room. Fenced backyard with lots of fruit trees. Spacious one car garage with many amenities.

Rita Robinson 531-7000 x241



**2818 ATWELL \$479,000**

**Fruitvale.** 1903 turn of the century home with architectural detail! Living room and dining room with coved ceilings and built-ins. 2BD/1BA, bonus room for office or den, large updated kitchen and breakfast room, full basement, 2-car garage with expansion potential.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



**389 BELMONT STREET #203 \$349,000**

**Adams Point.** 1 bedroom/1 bath fabulous corner unit with wonderful windows for light. Lovely custom shutters in the BD. New vinyl and wall/wall carpet, in unit laundry.

Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238



**407 ORANGE STREET #210 \$325,000**

**Adams Point.** 1BD/1BA unit, over 900 sq.ft. Updated kitchen and bath with granite kitchen and new appliances, new carpet and vinyl, fresh paint and large patio area for entertaining and plants.

Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262

### BY APPOINTMENT

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY \$1,300,000**

**Temescal.** This property has 2 SFR homes each with 3 bedrooms/1 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, and basement. In rear there is a triplex. Two 1 bedroom/ 1/2 bath and a studio with a 1/2 bath. Three building on one lot!

Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234

**5 UNITS W/STYLE & LOCATION \$938,000**

**Glennview.** Great rents. Striking remodeled owner's unit vacant at close. 5 Parking spaces. Yard, laundry, common spa. Easy access to freeway and public transportation. Motivated Seller!

Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

**DOWNTOWN OAKLAND 4 PLEX \$825,000**

**Downtown.** Mix use Victorian. Good use for law, medical, business offices or residential mix use. Updated electrical. Can deliver vacant.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

**CHARMING SPLIT LEVEL VICTORIAN FARMHOUSE \$695,000**

**North Berkeley.** 3 bedrooms/2.5 bath an eat-in kitchen, dining room, private deck with a hot tub, detached garage, yard all on a corner lot. Walking distance to shops and restaurants.

Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234

**SPACIOUS MID-CENTURY HOME \$669,000**

**Montclair.** Tranquil setting and bay view! Upper level with two bedroom, one bath and bonus room, gorgeous refinished hardwood floors, charming eat-in kitchen. Lower level with separate entrance with one bedroom, one bath and large family room—great for au-pair or home office, large deck and patio plus backyard for gardening!

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

**SPACIOUS AND CHARMING \$549,000**

**Maxwell Park.** Three bedroom, two bath gorgeous refinished hardwood floors, tastefully remodeled eat-in kitchen, large master suite with panoramic bay view and French doors to deck, wonderful landscaped back yard with great decks and fruit trees.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

**ADORABLE BUNGALOW \$429,000**

**Laurel.** Inviting living with beautiful fireplace, built-ins, kitchen with large eat-in area, hardwood floors, cozy yard. 2 Bedroom/1 bath, garage.

Jaya Bhimani 531-7000 x289



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*2 Dixie Place, Montclair*

This charming traditional home sits on a cul-de-sac close to Montclair Village. With generous formal rooms, three + bedrooms, two baths, an updated eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, an expansive private back garden and period details, this home has it all!

Originally offered at \$849,000

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Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on large lot. This fine home features a formal dining room, family room, hardwood floors, French doors, secluded master suite with walk-in closet, laundry room off kitchen and a fabulous rear yard. Great outdoor living includes a patio, level lawn area and a **lap pool**! Ample off street parking and a detached garage.



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**5935 Manchester Avenue, Oakland**  
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Wonderful Traditional rebuilt after the "Fire Storm." Great construction, detail and effort has been put into this lovely home. Fabulous gardens with waterfall and ponds designed by Landscape Architect Harland Hand. 4+BR/4+BA, master bedroom with fireplace, rumpus room with fireplace and Ozzie & Harriett-style soda fountain. Separate library, possible au-pair, sports court.



*Francis Heath*

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Beautifully maintained and upgraded 1920s bungalow in prime neighborhood! Gracious room sizes, two bedrooms, and one updated bath, stylish kitchen, breakfast room/home office, spacious deck, sunny garden. Newer roof, sewer, drainage. Near Solano Avenue, Northbrae and Westbrae shopping.



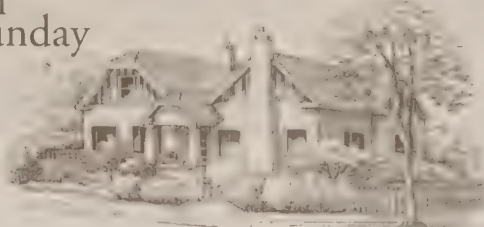
**1068 Ordway Street, Albany**  
**Offered at \$685,000**

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*96 The Plaza Drive, Berkeley*

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. An extraordinary new listing in fabled Claremont community! A beautifully proportioned & spacious home of five bedrooms, three baths, remodeled state-of-the-art kitchen opens to family room, formal living & dining room. Large, landscaped, edible gardens with deck & hot tub in a private setting!

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OCT. 9  
1-5 PM



**5456 BROOKDALE**

CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW. Built after the turn of the century, this charming 2 bedroom and 2 updated baths offers a formal dining room, box beam ceiling, built-in buffet, & wainscott wood walls. Such a pretty place to imagine holiday dinners! The kitchen has updated appliances including a gas stove and 2 drawer dishwasher, and there's a separate laundry. The master bedroom opens to a nice deck and sunny level yard. VERY SPECIAL!

Offered at \$520,000



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Step inside...light-filled entry, wrought iron staircase, dramatic LR & DR, both with stunning hardwood floors. Elegant Master bedroom with secluded terrace. 4+BR, 3BA, including Au-Pair plus studio/office all amidst beautiful gardens in the heart of Rockridge.



**6030 Chaboly Terrace, Oakland**

Offered at \$1,295,000

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## RECENTLY SOLD



**175 CRESTMONT ROAD, OAKLAND**  
Beautifully upgraded 3BR/2BA home with fabulous kitchen and enormous deck.  
Originally offered at \$695,000  
Sold over asking with 6 offers  
Represented the Seller



**5907A VALLEJO STREET, EMERYVILLE**  
Chic, contemporary townhome with vaulted, two-story ceilings. 2BR/2BA and in-unit laundry.  
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Sold over asking with 5 offers  
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You will love this gorgeous "Central Piedmont" Mediterranean Villa with its grand entry stairway, original woodwork, built-ins, intimate and formal dining areas, and elegant living room that opens to flower bedecked terraces and lushly landscaped grounds, sumptuous master suite, home office, wine cellar, garage. Only steps from schools and transportation. A designers dream home!



*Fritz Hochfellner*

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**230 Highland Avenue, Piedmont**  
**Offered at \$1,549,000**

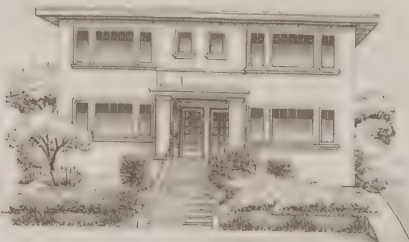
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## NEW PIEDMONT AVENUE LISTING SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT



Fritz Hochfellner  
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**11-19 Yosemite Avenue, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$777,000**

Future millionaire wanted! Cosmetic fixer in prime Piedmont Avenue location. Fourplex with huge one bedroom units with original detail, hardwood floors, garages. Big lot. Potential conversion or commercial use.

## NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2-4:30PM



Donna DeBardi  
510.338.1374

**4368 Detroit Avenue, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$719,000**

This lovely 1939 traditional split-level home is located on a cul-de-sac in the popular Redwood Heights neighborhood. All living spaces are large and light. There are 2 spacious bedrooms and an updated full bath plus a home office/den with it's own half bath. The sunny updated kitchen with breakfast nook is adjacent to a lovely formal dining room. The living room and rumpus room each have wood-burning fireplaces. Features of this home include gleaming refinished wood floors, fresh paint inside and out, newer carpet, 2-car garage, storage, basement, gardens and more.

## NEW ROCKRIDGE LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2-4:30PM



Dee Knowland  
510.338.1318

**395 60th Street, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$749,000**

Heart of Rockridge living at it's best. Near College Avenue shops, restaurants, and BART. Meticulously restored classic craftsman bungalow with traditional details and updates. This lovely home has box-beamed ceilings, 2 remodeled bathrooms, a remodeled kitchen with designer appliances, secluded deck and garden, newly painted decorator colors, and many upgraded systems. Absolutely adorable home in move-in condition.

## ROCKRIDGE "STORYBOOK" NEIGHBORHOOD! OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2-4:30PM



Joan Dark  
510.338.1316

**5818 Clover Drive, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$720,000**

Welcome to one of Oakland's most picturesque neighborhoods! This 1926 "Storybook" style home was built with all the charm of yesteryear - rooms full of light, hardwood floors, fireplace, breakfast nook. There are 3 bedrooms, two-plus baths, a nice level yard and a comfortable meander to College Avenue, BART, Chabot School, and all the best of city living. Write your own chapter in this delightful Storybook!

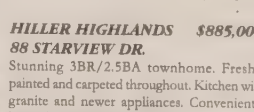
## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



**ROCKRIDGE \$2,800,000**  
**935 MANCHESTER AVE.**  
Wonderful Traditional rebuilt after the "fire storm." 4+BR/4+BA, rumpus room, library, possible au-pair. Fabulous gardens designed by Portland Hand. Francis Heath x1357



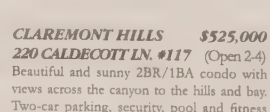
**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,495,000**  
**911 LARKSPUR RD.** (Open Sat & Sun)  
Fabulous & spacious 4+BR/4BA traditional on prime cul-de-sac. Serene, park-like setting at the end of street lined with gorgeous homes. Elegant details Kathleen Callahan x1343 & David Ichikawa x1331



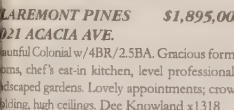
**HILLER HIGHLANDS \$885,000**  
**88 STARVIEW DR.**  
Stunning 3BR/2.5BA townhome. Freshly painted and carpeted throughout. Kitchen with granite and newer appliances. Conveniently located. Jane Strauch x1332



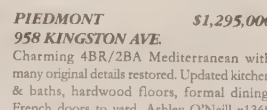
**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$719,000**  
**4368 DETROIT AVE.**  
New Listing! Lovely 1939 split-level 2+BR/1+BA home. Spacious & bright. Living room & rumpus room have fireplaces. Formal dining room, updated kitchen. Donna DeBardi x1374



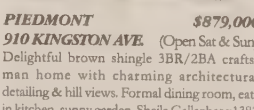
**CLAREMONT HILLS \$525,000**  
**220 CALDECOTT LN. #117** (Open 2-4)  
Beautiful and sunny 2BR/1BA condo with views across the canyon to the hills and bay. Two-car parking, security, pool and fitness center. Jack McPhail x1336



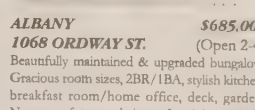
**CLAREMONT PINES \$1,895,000**  
**921 ACACIA AVE.**  
Beautiful Colonial w/4BR/2.5BA. Gracious formal rooms, chef's eat-in kitchen, level professionally landscaped gardens. Lovely appointments; crown molding, high ceilings. Dee Knowland x1318



**PIEDMONT \$1,295,000**  
**958 KINGSTON AVE.**  
Charming 4BR/2BA Mediterranean with many original details restored. Updated kitchen & baths, hardwood floors, formal dining, French door to yard. Ashley O'Neill x1368



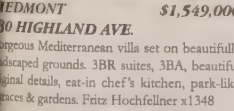
**PIEDMONT \$879,000**  
**910 KINGSTON AVE.** (Open Sat & Sun)  
Delightful brown shingle 3BR/2BA craftsman home with charming architectural detailing & hill views. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, sunny garden. Sheila Gallagher x1383



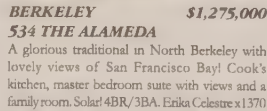
**ALBANY \$685,000**  
**1068 ORDWAY ST.** (Open 2-4)  
Beautifully maintained & upgraded bungalow! Gracious room sizes, 2BR/1BA, stylish kitchen, breakfast room/home office, deck, garden. Newer roof, sewer, drainage. Lorri Arazi x1330



**ROCKRIDGE \$499,000**  
**5343 BROADWAY TERR. #202**  
Freshly renovated 2BR/2BA condo. Lots of upgrades. Fireplace in living room. Deck opens to master bedroom & living/dining area. End unit w/easy access to garage. Martha Holstlaw x1312



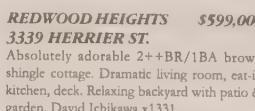
**PIEDMONT \$1,549,000**  
**30 HIGHLAND AVE.**  
Magnificent Mediterranean villa set on beautifully landscaped grounds. 3BR suites, 3BA, beautiful original details, eat-in chef's kitchen, park-like gardens & gardens. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



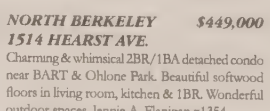
**BERKELEY \$1,275,000**  
**534 THE ALAMEDA**  
A glorious traditional in North Berkeley with lovely views of San Francisco Bay! Cook's kitchen, master bedroom suite with views and a family room. Solar! 4BR/3BA. Erika Celestre x1370



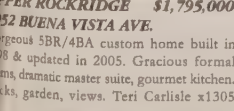
**EL CERRITO \$825,000**  
**6462 CONLON AVE.**  
Great valued Never tri-level contemporary in the El Cerrito hills near Del Norte BART! 3BR/2.5BA, open floor plan, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. Deck with views of Mt. Tam. Michelle Vasey x1359



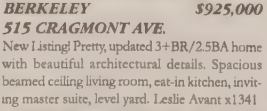
**BERKELEY \$625,000**  
**1785-87 FRANKLIN ST.**  
Charming duplex in garden setting just 2 blocks to BART. 2BR/1BA front unit & 1BR/1BA rear unit. Each unit has fireplace & hardwood floors. Off street parking. Joanna Gould x1346



**FRUITVALE \$459,000**  
**2507 24th AVE.** (Open 1-5)  
Sun-drenched 3BR/2BA home with South Bay views, refinished hardwood floors & designer colors. Expansive newly landscaped yard with patio. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



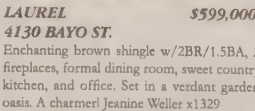
**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,795,000**  
**952 BUENA VISTA AVE.**  
Magnificent 5BR/4BA custom home built in 1998 & updated in 2005. Gracious formal rooms, dramatic master suite, gourmet kitchen. Parks, garden, views. Teri Carlisle x1305



**BERKELEY \$925,000**  
**515 CRAGMONT AVE.**  
New Listing! Pretty, updated 3+BR/2.5BA home with beautiful architectural details. Spacious beamed ceiling living room, eat-in kitchen, inviting master suite, level yard. Leslie Avant x1341



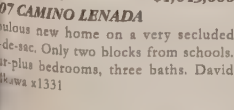
**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$749,000**  
**4319 GREGORY ST.**  
New Listing! Spacious 3BR/2BA home on large lot. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, French doors, master suite w/walk-in closet. Fabulous yard w/patio, lawn & lap pool! Diane E. McCan x1352



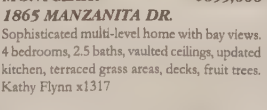
**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$599,000**  
**3339 HERRIER ST.**  
Absolutely adorable 2+BR/1BA brown shingle cottage. Dramatic living room, eat-in kitchen, deck. Relaxing backyard with patio & garden. David Ichikawa x1331



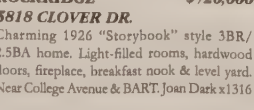
**NORTH BERKELEY \$449,000**  
**1514 HEARST AVE.**  
Charming & whimsical 2BR/1BA detached condo near BART & Ohlone Park. Beautiful softwood floors in living room, kitchen & 1BR. Wonderful outdoor spaces. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



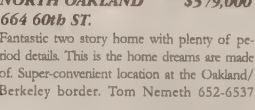
**MONTCLAIR \$1,645,000**  
**907 CAMINO LENADA**  
Beautiful new home on a very secluded cul-de-sac. Only two blocks from schools. Four-plus bedrooms, three baths. David Ichikawa x1331



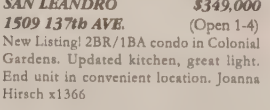
**MONTCLAIR \$899,000**  
**1865 MANZANITA DR.**  
Sophisticated multi-level home with bay views. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen, terraced grass areas, decks, fruit trees. Kathy Flynn x1317



**ROCKRIDGE \$720,000**  
**5818 CLOVER DR.**  
Charming 1926 "Storybook" style 3BR/2.5BA home. Light-filled rooms, hardwood floors, fireplace, breakfast nook & level yard. Near College Avenue & BART. Joan Dark x1316



**NORTH OAKLAND \$579,000**  
**664 60th ST.**  
Fantastic two story home with plenty of period details. This is the home dreams are made of. Super-convenient location at the Oakland/Berkeley border. Tom Nemeth 652-6537

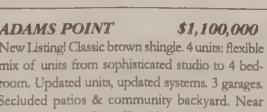


**SAN LEANDRO \$349,000**  
**1509 137th AVE.** (Open 1-4)  
New Listing! 2BR/1BA condo in Colonial Gardens. Updated kitchen, great light. End unit in convenient location. Joanna Hirsch x1366

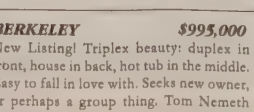
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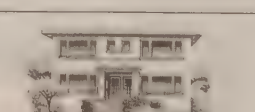
**PIEDMONT \$5,250,000**  
Private gates lead to a classic English Tudor approximately 1.4 useable acres. Public areas include a ballroom and library. Eleven bedrooms, seven and one half baths. A one of a kind opportunity. Robyn Mohr x1310



**GRAND AVENUE \$995,000**  
Wonderful craftsman two-flat duplex. Each has two bedrooms and two baths, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry and garage. Great location. Donna DeBardi x1374



**ADAMS POINT \$929,000**  
New Listing! 4 units: three 2BR/1BA & 1BR/1BA cottage. Large, spacious units on large lot. Convenient location close to shopping and transportation. Off street parking and laundry. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



**PIEDMONT AVENUE \$777,000**  
New Listing! Cosmetic fixer fourplex in prime Piedmont Avenue location. All huge 1BR units with original detail. Hardwood floors. Garages. Big lot. Potential conversion or commercial use. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



**RICHMOND ANNEX \$459,000**  
Sunny and charming two bedroom, one bath home with lovely details. Detached studio/office in secluded garden. Erika Celestre x1370





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1840 63rd Street, Berkeley  
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Open Sunday, October 9/2-4:30 PM



4130 Bayo Street, Oakland  
Offered at \$599,000

Enchanting brown shingle with 2BR/1.5BA, two fireplaces, formal dining room, sweet country kitchen, and office. Set in a verdant garden oasis. A charmer!



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New Listing - Open Sunday, October 9/2-4:30 PM



515 Cragmont Avenue, Berkeley - Offered at \$925,000

Possessing all the warmth and quality not found in newer construction, this pretty, updated 3+BR/2.5BA home has beautiful architectural details, a spacious beamed ceiling living room, a sunny eat-in kitchen with adjacent playroom/office which opens onto a patio, an inviting master suite with a charming dressing room, and a level back yard. All that plus a peek of the Bay. In short, just the home that many have been waiting for!



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**1169 HILLERY WAY, BAY FARM OF ALAMEDA**  
2 year old SFR shows like a model. 4 bed 2.5 bath Great floor plan. Granite countertops. Upgraded maple cabinets & hardwood floor. Upgraded fireplace. Upgraded Berber carpet and a large two-car garage. Open Sun 12-5



OPEN SUN 12-5

\$869,900

**1125 BISHOP ST, EAST END OF ALAMEDA**  
Beautifully expanded 4 bed 2 bath home on a quiet street in East End. Sunny living room, formal dining room and a big kitchen. Polished hardwood floors. A large 1 car garage with huge basement. Yard with a garden.



\$749,000

**32 THURLES PLACE, BAY FARM OF ALAMEDA**  
4 bed 2.5 bath SFR at the end of cul-de-sac in one of the best neighborhoods in Bay Farm. Vaulted ceiling in the living room, formal dining room, family room with brick fireplace. Beautiful Sunroom and two-car garage. Open Sat & Sun 1-4.



OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4

\$860,000

**3111 LA CAMPANIA, BAY FARM OF ALAMEDA**  
Beautifully expanded 4 bed 2 bath townhome in Casitas on Bay Farm. Updated kitchen & bath, landscaped courtyard, new double pane windows, ceiling fans and large living room. 2 car garage. Open Sat & Sun 1-4.



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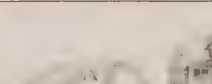
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# Now's the time to get your Christmas tulip started

The tulip bulbs I purchased in a grower in Amsterdam have been going to plant them in containers to give as Christmas gifts. It is a good idea to know about the preparation and/or potting these bulbs.

Chill the bulbs need four to six weeks prior to planting; otherwise, the flower stems will be very weak. Place them in the refrigerator in a ventilated bin. Remove any damage to the immature flower. In mid to late November, plant the bulbs in the containers using

any of the commercially available potting soil. Fill the containers half way, sprinkle the soil with bulb food and cover the fertilizer with a layer of soil. You now have two options as far as spacing the bulbs. They can be evenly spaced or placed next to each other.

I prefer placing them next to each other when using them as a gift or when planted in containers for color on decks and patios. I doubt that the bulbs would have started growing by Christmas.

The addition of seasonal color will bridge the gap. Violas, pansies and alyssum can be planted in be-

tween the bulbs after you added more soil but be sure to leave sufficient room to water. Use straws to mark the gaps. The tulips will have no problem emerging through the roots and foliage.

Place the finished containers outdoors in a protected area and water them every two weeks. Don't put the finishing decorations on until the last minute. In addition to the traditional items, use pyracantha or toyon berries along with some bark or decorative rock.

**Q. We have just completed re-landscaping a section of our back yard. We are going to use a layer**

**of redwood bark mulch for weed control. Do I use a black fabric, plastic or something else, like newspaper, under the bark?**

A. Landscape or black fabric is by far the most commonly used material. It has replaced black plastic. With our clay soil, black plastic traps moisture so water evaporates very slowly.

Plants tend to grow poorly and may die from root rot in wet, heavy soils. Most landscapes are watered with automatic irrigation systems, and this compounds the problem. The landscape fabric allows the soil to breathe.

You can also use newspaper or cardboard. These materials will decompose over time. The biggest drawback to paper products is having enough material to cover the area. They are also labor intensive to install.

You'll need a one-half inch to a one-inch layer. If you use cardboard, anchor the material down by pinning it as it slides or shifts. Pre-wet the paper products, before adding the bark. The biggest advantage of paper products is that you will not need as much bark. You need only a thin layer to cover the material.



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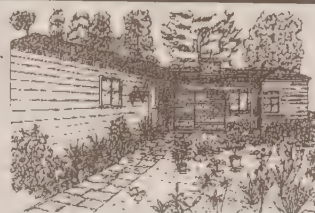
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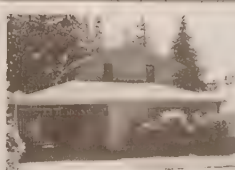
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**Kensington \$848,000**  
Price reduction. Beautiful, spacious four bedroom, 2.5 bath view home next to wooded park. Hardwood floors, wall-to-wall carpeting, fireplace, charming decks.  
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ARTIST RETREAT w/income! Two++bedroom craftsman with a bright remodeled kitchen, lovely fireplace & built-ins, & office. Plus a one bedroom rental unit with fireplace, built-ins & garden views. Extra spaces: Art studio tucked away in the huge sunny garden & detached 2-car garage. Very versatile property near everything!  
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Wonderful view home in great neighborhood nr parks, schools, transp. 3+ BR/2BA including master suite. Many recent improvements including new designer kitchen, bath, dual-pane windows, upgraded electrical, French doors, hardwood floors, deck, landscaping.  
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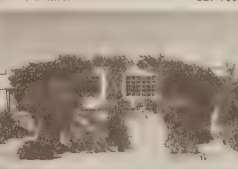
**El Sobrante \$699,000**  
Huge price reduction! Unique property on 1/2 acre, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, in-law unit with separate entrance on lower level. Open kitchen with soaring ceiling. Surrounded by windows looking out to redwoods, creek, sport court.  
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BIG house on a HUGE lot that is fully landscaped. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, formal dining room, breakfast area, den, 1 bedroom & bath downstairs, laundry room, new roof, minor pest report. A love of a house!  
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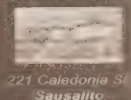
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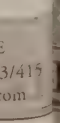
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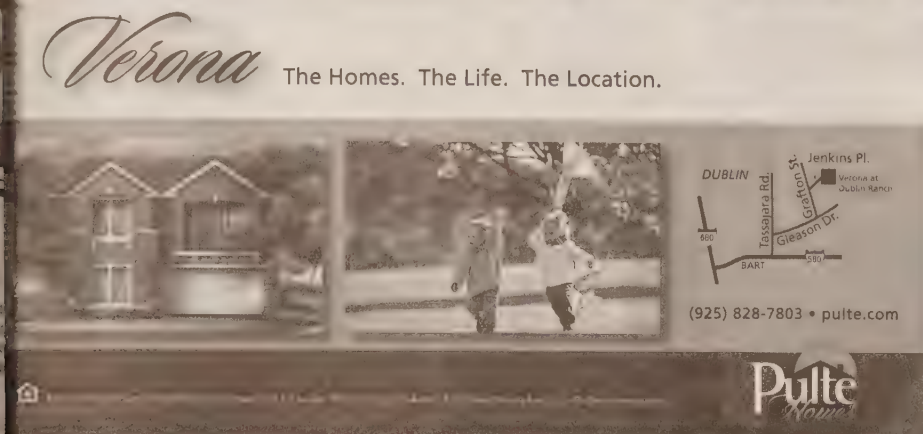


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1729 San Antonio Ave.  
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Montclair  
\$899,000  
**Open**  
5BR/4.5BA. Terrific refurbished contemporary home w/ fabulous canyon views. Vaulted ceilings, hwd flrs, updated kit, & BA's. Multiple decks. 2 car det gar w/office space.  
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**\$2,395,000** **Open**  
Retreat to this 2+ acre gated, private home, just 7 miles to downtown! Panoramic views of San Francisco, Golden Gate, Mt. Tam from all directions. Pool, spa, & sauna. Gorgeous home with enormous master suite with fireplace & view from balcony. Panelled office. Family room. 3 frpics.  
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Jody Dworzak  
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Hiller Highlands  
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Berkeley  
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**Open**  
3BR/1BA. Just listed! Pro chef's kitchen seen in books & on TV. Restaurant Wok Stove, Wolf range, Peking Duck oven. Edwardian w/ lush garden, office, FDR, sunroom.  
1326 Addison St.  
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Montclair  
\$739,000  
**Open**  
2BR/1.5BA. Gorgeous finishes of cherry, ebony, oak, hickory, granite & tiles. Bright open floor plan w/ courtyard garden for an extra "living room". Updtd kit & BA's. Great lush backyard, fenced & with fruit trees.  
5870 Moraga Ave  
Open Sun 2-4:30PM  
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Lake Merritt  
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**Open**  
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**Open**  
2BR/2BA. This east side 2nd floor condo has views of Lake Merritt and the East Bay Hills. The floor plan has a massive wood burning fireplace. Oak parquet floors & FDR. 24 doorman service. Call for Appt  
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**Open**  
2BR/1BA. Alondale Park. Classic 1923 updated bungalow. Laundry room & Eat-In kit, LR, DR & FP, LDRY room & Deck. Move-In Condition.  
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Two Bedrooms / One Bath  
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5555 Moraga Avenue  
Piedmont Side of Montclair

Built in 2003, this distinctive home features a dramatic thirty-foot foyer, palatial curved stairway, expansive dining/living area with high ceilings, majestic windows and marble tile-surround fireplace. The epicurean kitchen and open family room provide for wonderful entertaining. Upstairs is a master suite with sumptuous bath, a junior Suite with private patio, two additional bedrooms and full bath.

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6171 Ruthland, Montclair

Sharp Contemporary! This stylish home is a spacious and airy serene retreat, nestled on a large parcel with views of the Bay and Hills. The combination kitchen/family room opens onto a large patio and terraced walking garden. The versatile floor plan includes four bedrooms and three baths; formal living room with fireplace and hill views; plus office/rumpus on the lower level.

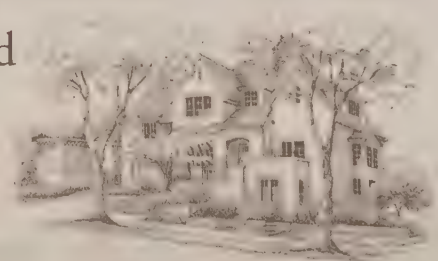


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A spacious traditional home in central Piedmont. Gracious formal rooms, updated kitchen, three + bedrooms up and rumpus room down. Beautiful gardens.

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Built in 1916, this beautiful traditional home is located under a canopy of Sycamores on one of Piedmont's desirable tree lined streets. This one-story home offers a great time-to-own opportunity. Features include: hardwood floors, built-in bookshelves, formal dining room with built-in with leaded glass cabinets and beam ceiling. The generous size kitchen has granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and a breakfast nook with built-in. Hardwood floor with inlay and plenty of cabinet space. Well-situated to Piedmont schools K-12. With three bedrooms one plus bath, a garage...it's a great place to call home.

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### OPEN HOUSES

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,399,000  
6171 Ruthland Rd Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 3 BA Indoor/outdoor living from fam rm & kit serene setting on large parcel.  
Christine Banker 510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES

**ROCKRIDGE** \$850,000  
6687 Chabot Road Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 1.5 BA Hwd flrs, frml din rm, home office, updated ba & a lrg park like yrd  
Barbara Hardacre 510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES

**ALBANY** \$850,000  
555 Pierce St #1339 Sat/Sun 2 - 4  
2+BR 2.5 BA 2 story Penthouse. Open lvr, din area and kit, hw flrs; SF Views.  
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Parviz Bagherzadeh 510.486.1495

### OPEN HOUSES

**EL CERRITO** \$529,000  
441 Norvell St. Sun 2 - 4  
3 BR 1 BA Price Reduced. New granite counters & Large private yard. Detached garage/workshop.  
Kimiko Terry & Sebastian Ages 510.486.1495  
**BERKELEY** \$529,000  
2763 Dohr St Sun 2 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA Cute Berkeley Bungalow! Light, bright w/many upgrades. HDWD, FDR, updated KIT and Systems.  
Gene Della Maggiora 510.486.149

### OPEN HOUSES

**ELCREST ESTATES** \$2,200,000  
401 Denton Place Sun 2 - 4:30  
BR 3.5 BA Redone, lyl in, gated w/ pool/hot tub. Over 2 acres.  
Courtney Kitch 510.339.4700  
**PIEDMONT** \$1,595,000  
34 LaSalle Sun 2 - 5  
BR 2 BA Lvl Contemp hme w/sunny spacious rms, frml liv/din rms, hwd flrs, att 2C gar  
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**LEONA HEIGHTS** \$1,275,000  
5601 Leona St Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 4 BA Country Pavilion estates. Grand size rms, almost 1 acre. One of a kind & special  
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**MONTCLAIR** \$1,195,000  
5555 Moraga Sat/Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 4 BA 30-ft foyer; grand stairway, epicurean kit. www.5555Moraga.com  
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**OAKLAND** \$839,000  
4370 Whittle Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 3 BA Urban oasis w/huge views. Soaring cathedral ceiling in Grt Rm. Media RM w/surround sound.  
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**HILLER HIGHLANDS** \$799,000  
61 Schooner Hill Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 2.5 BA Big price reduction - BIG VIEW! Fabulous GG, Bay bridge & bay views from sharp townhouse.  
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**HILLER HIGHLANDS** \$732,000  
404 Hiller Dr. Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 2.5 BA Hiller end unit, wd flrs balcony, patio, 2 fps, mstr & ba w/ skylt. Ofc or 3rd bdrm, + Club  
Claudia Bowman 510.339.4700  
**OAKLAND** \$729,000  
168 Maiden Lane Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Spacious flr pln, 3/2 incl mstr ste on 1 lvl, kit/fam rm lvl-out to patio/grdn  
Rachel Baller 510.339.4700

**MAXWELL PARK** \$520,000  
5456 Brookdale Sun 1 - 5  
2 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman Shingle Prepare to fall in love w/ this lovely home.  
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**PARKWOODS** \$519,000  
280 Caldecott Lane 109 Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 2 BA Popular Piedmont model. Private outlook, 2 prking, Pool, spa & gym. Easy Highway 24 access  
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**EL CERRITO** \$1,500,000  
304 Pebble Beach Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
BR 5 BA Own a luxury lifestyle: 4000 sq ft home, 3 bridges & golf course views + pool & spa  
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**BERKELEY HILLS** \$1,175,000  
781 Spruce Sun 2 - 4  
4 BR 3 BA Totally remod mid century home. Bay view. Hdwd, lrg fam rm, 2 car gar, huge deck. Lrg lot.  
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**OAKLAND** \$799,000  
4053 Mountain View Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 2.5 BA New construction. Gourmet kit w/granite tops, SS appl, MBS w/his & her sinks & marble tile.  
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**LAKE MERRITT** \$699,000  
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**WALNUT CREEK** \$659,000  
1682 2nd Ave Sun 2 - 4  
3 BR 2 BA Remodeled hme w/lvl bck/ frnt yds. Granite & ss kitchen, beautiful tile work in bathrooms  
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**OAKLAND** \$499,000  
3221 Florida Street Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Dollhouse, friendly Cul-de-Sac. Upgrades & lots of storage, detgar w/ba & add. space  
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**OAKLAND** \$495,000  
5335 Fleming Ave Sun 2 - 4  
3 BR 1 BA Maxwell Park. Sunny home with charm plus upgrades. Visit www.5335Fleming.com  
Holly Rose 510.486.1495

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,499,000  
267 Ruthland Rd Sun 2 - 4:30  
BR 3.5 BA Revel in style in this contempo with city-light views. Family room.  
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**ALBANY** \$990,000  
717 Hillside Ave Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 2.5 BA Hip, urban contemporary w/spectacular Bay views. Spacious design w/FP, hdwd & ldscpd yrd  
Dan Joy 510.339.4700

**PIEDMONT AVE** \$799,000  
81-83 Echo Ave Sat/Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 3 BA Piedmont Ave. duplex, 3/2 & 1/1 remod, gourmet kit, FP, HW/ tile/bam flrs, radiant heating  
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**ALBANY** \$650,000  
1215 Portland Ave. Sun 2 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA Entertaining is a joy in the charming, sunny interior and well established, lush garden.  
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**OAKLAND** \$599,000  
1415 Carleton Sun 1:30 - 5  
3 BR 1 BA Charming, remodeled and in move in condition. Close to transportation & Berkeley Bowl.  
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**OAKLAND** \$1,495,000  
1439 Lochard Sun 1:30 - 4:30  
BR 3.5 BA Breathtaking SF vu at floor plan for entertaining & a spacious family/au-pair suite.  
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**CAMPOLINDO** \$1,095,000  
63 Corte del Caballo Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 3 BA A sunny & spacious lvl home @ end of cul-de-sac. FR, wet bar 2-car garage, fruit trees  
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**PIEDMONT** \$1,075,000  
25 Estrella Ave Sun 1 - 5  
3 BR 1.5 BA 1916 Charmer; Grt flr pln; Near school K-12; Large LR, DR, Den. HDWF, Large Back Yd; Garage  
Nancy Maloney 510.339.4700

**LAUREL** \$579,000  
2007 Carmel Street Sun 1 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA Sophisticated! Classy updated kitchen & marble bathroom, magnificent stonemasonry yard  
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**EL CERRITO** \$575,000  
6626 Cutting Blvd. Sun 2 - 4  
3 BR 1 BA Fresh pnt & hdwd floors. Attached office w. full bath. Large sunny back yard & apple tree.  
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**EL CERRITO** \$779,000  
537 Bonnie Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Great views & space! Gorgeous kitchen, fm rm, wrkshp, skylights, hot tub, open flr plan.  
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490 Jean St Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA City views, deck, hwd flrs, remod kit & ba, frm DR, and a beautiful fireplace  
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**BERKELEY** \$399,000  
1721 Berkeley Way, Unit #3 Sun 2 - 4  
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## Alameda

\$345,000 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	1333 Webster St. A105 West End	1BD/1BA 510-814-4865 Lena Sazo
\$349,000 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	955 Shorepoint Ct. 300 South Shore	1 BD/1.25 BA 510-814-4869 Catherine Blerwith
\$350,000 Sat & Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	1170 9th Street #14 510-919-5485 / 510-483-1676 John Bergman / K. Nowak	1BD/1BA 510-814-4818
\$419,000 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	2035 Otis Dr. F South Shore	2BD/1BA 510-814-4818 Steve Cressy
\$425,000 Sun 12-2 Harbor Bay Realty	2416 Marl Rae Ct Central	1 BD/1 BA 510-814-4802 Rich Krinks
\$469,900 Sat 2-4 Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	325 Kitty Hawk #210 South Shore	2 BD/2 BA 510-522-9888 Jon Paul
\$480,000 Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Bayside Real Estate	162 Centre Ct. 510-522-5827 / 510-388-3399 Mark Wyman / Billy Ho	1 BD/1 BA 510-388-3399
\$499,000 Sun 2-4 Realty World Martino Associates	2111 Lincoln Ave. 510-523-9300 Carol Martino	DUPLEX 510-523-9300
\$530,000 Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	1616 Lincoln Ave. Central 510-814-4857/814-4811 K. Kim/ F. Christensen	2BD/1BA 510-814-4857
\$549,000 Sat/Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	539 Taylor Ave. West End	2BD/1BA 510-748-1120 Evelyn Kennedy
\$559,000 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	1724 Walnut St. Central	2 BD/1 BA 510-814-4708 Gregg Fujita
\$569,500 Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	1158 Marianas Ln. Bay Farm Island	4BD/2.5BA 510-814-4710 Walt Jacobs
\$575,000 Open Sun 2-4 Red Oak Realty	1835 Nason St. 510-592-2019 Heather Thomson	2bd/2ba 510-592-2019
\$575,000 Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	3340 Solomon Ln. 510-865-7239 Kathy Ratto	4BD/2BA 510-865-7239
\$578,000 Sat & Sun 1-4 Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	3111 La Campana Bay Farm	4 BD/2.5 BA 510-755-4003 John Chang
\$588,000 Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	1006 Taylor Ave. West End 510-748-1148/748-1121 P. Dimacali/ A. McIntyre	2BD/1BA 510-748-1148
\$595,000 Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	250 Beach Rd. Bay Farm Island	2BD/1BA 510-814-4816 Ninabelle Zamora
\$599,000 Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	2523 Webb Ave. East End 510-814-4870/814-4874 P. Koutoulakis/ M. Playsted	2BD/1BA 510-814-4870
\$609,000 Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	1839 Elm St. 510-523-0746 Mindy Hart	3BD/1BA 510-523-0746
\$615,000 Open 1-4 Coldwell Banker	246 Beach Rd. 510-915-2277 Cathy Schultheis	3BD/2BA 510-915-2277
\$619,000 Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	1351 Crown Dr. West End 510-814-4714/814-4839 B.Bolton/ B. Douglas	2BD/2BA 510-814-4714
\$619,000 Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	6 Courageous Ct. 510-531-2274 Wendy Sando	2BD/2BA 510-531-2274
\$629,000 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	1445 4th St. West End R. Rossi-Lopez/ T. O'Keefe	3+BD/2.5BA 510-748-2002
\$629,000 Sat/Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	1713 Oak Street Central Alameda 510-748-1108 Billi & Griselda Bissett	3+BD/1.5 BA 510-748-1108
\$629,000 Sat & Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	22 Rutland Ct. Bay Colony 510-747-1620/748-1135 M. Tam/ E. Tam	2BD/2.5BA 510-747-1620
\$629,000 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	2860 Jackson St. East End 510-814-4897 Nancy Mach	2 BD/1 BA 510-814-4897
\$635,000 Sun 2-4:30 Harbor Bay Realty	440C Cola Ballena West End 510-814-4875 Deirdre Dixon	2 BD/2 BA 510-814-4875
\$669,000 Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	3010 Otis Dr. East End 510-814-4884/814-4846 L. Lipetski/ J. Payne	3BD/2BA 510-814-4884
\$675,000 Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	2209 Clinton Ave. Central 510-814-4822 Joan Powers	3BD/2BA 510-814-4822
\$678,000 Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	1806 Everett St. 510-882-3118 Kathie & Patrick Ng	Duplex 510-882-3118
\$679,000 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	410 Lagunaria Ln. Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4854 Don Gutierrez	3 BD/2.5 BA 510-814-4854
\$679,000 Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	513 Lagunaria Ln. 510-814-4814 Connie Hanna	3 BD/2.5 BA 510-814-4814
\$685,000 Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	3000 San Jose Ave. East End 510-814-4880 Maureen Shandobil	3BD/1.5BA 510-814-4880
\$689,000 Sat & Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	404 Sand Beach Rd. 510-872-8236/910-0618 K. Keilberger/ K. Bell-Mathy	3BD/2BA 510-872-8236

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\$695,000	1109 Rosewood Wy.	3 BD/2 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	So. Shore	510-748-5300	Home-Link Real Estate	Homes-Link Team
\$695,000	1615 Encinal Ave	3bd/1ba	Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2026	Kimberly Miller	
\$695,000	576 Queens Ave.	2BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4	West End	510-814-4714	Harbor Bay Realty	Barbara Bolton
\$698,000	1033 Lewelling Ct.	Duplex	Sun 2-4:30	Kane & Associates	510-828-3118	Kathie & Patrick Ng	
\$699,000	1252 Hawthorne St.	3BD/1BA	Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-814-4810	Harbor Bay Realty	J. Friedrich
\$719,000	1051 Foster St.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4:30	510-217-3102 / 510-388-3399	Bayside Real Estate	Philip Kaake / Billy Ho	
\$719,000	2845 Brown St.	3BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	510-205-4369/510-205-3575	Kane & Associates	D. Gunderman/ A. Raszkopf	
\$729,000	1804 Nason St.	4BD/1.5BA	Sun 2-4	Central	510-748-1148	Gallagher & Lindsey	Pacita Dimacali
\$740,000	48 Britt Court	3BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay	510-748-1173/ 748-1110	Gallagher & Lindsey	K. Jacobsen / S. Laestreto
\$749,000	2017 Lincoln Avenue	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4	Central	510-748-1158	Gallagher & Lindsey	Tony Bennett
\$765,000	8 Cerruti Ct.	3 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Marina Village	510-748-1108	Gallagher & Lindsey	Bill & Griselda Bissett
\$769,000	8 Killdeer Ct.	4bd/2.5ba	Sat/Sun 1-5	Gardens District	510-682-0022	Prudential	San & Vivian
\$775,000	1202 Ballena Blvd.	3 BD/3 BA	Sun 2-4:30	West End	510-814-4871	Harbor Bay Realty	Denise Garvine
\$789,000	2528 Washington Wy.	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4	415-238-0151/510-748-1108	Kane & Associates	Jason Byrley	
\$826,950	1428 Paru St. House + Cottage	510-459-3438 / 510-301-9800	Sat & Sun 2-4	A.C. Goldt Realty	Amanda Goldt / John Bickley		
\$839,000	1019 Taylor Ave.	Duplex	Sun 2-4	West End	510-748-1148/748-1172	Gallagher & Lindsey	P. Dimacali/ S. Slaughter
\$845,000	1902 Paru St.	3BD/2.5BA	Sat/Sun 2-4:30	Marina	510-748-1166	Gallagher & Lindsey	Roland & Coqui Basora
\$850,000	1361 Eastshore Dr.	3BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates	510-522-2918	Renee & Rich Thomas	
\$860,000	32 Thurlies Place	4 BD/2.5 BA	Sat/Sun 1-4	Bay Farm	510-522-9888	Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	Jon Paul
\$869,900	1169 Hillery Way	4 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 12-5	Bay Farm	510-522-9888	Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	Jon Paul
\$875,000	1427 Grove Street	2BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Gallagher & Lindsey	510-748-1171	John Selbach	
\$889,000	1316 St. Charles	3BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-814-4718	Harbor Bay Realty	Diana Lulofs
\$920,000	1337 Sherman St.	4BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Neighborhood Investments	510-428-0765	Charles Dunn	
\$955,000	1835 & 1385 1/2 San Antonio Ave.	Duplex	Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates	510-865-2800	Lisa Lawley	
\$990,000	3272 Central Ave	4BD/2BA+Corr.	Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4817	Harbor Bay Realty	Tim Marr
\$1,070,000	2957 Alameda Ave.	4BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4888	Harbor Bay Realty	Brooke Abbasi
\$1,170,000	2034 San Antonio Ave.	4BD/2BA+Corr.	Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4815	Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy Gordon
\$1,175,000	1200 Ballena Blvd.	2 BD/2.5 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	West End	510-814-4891	Harbor Bay Realty	George Muhr
\$1,195,000	1626-1628 Alameda Ave.	Duplex	Sun 2-4:30	Central	510-748-1157	Gallagher & Lindsey	Michele Poulter
\$1,298,000	1520 Central Ave	4BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4	Central	510-814-4839	Harbor Bay Realty	Bill Douglas
\$1,590,000	1906 Alameda Ave.	3+BD/2+BA	Sun 2-4	Central	510-748-1184/748-1105	Gallagher & Lindsey	D. Hankel/ L. Murillo
\$1,975,000	1729 San Antonio Ave.	4bd/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30 + 2BD/2BA Au Pair	510-421-6818	Heritage Real Estate	Andrea Gordon	
\$1,999,000	19 Tuillamere Pl.	4 BD/3.5 BA	Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4813/814-4857	Harbor Bay Realty	R. Kim/ C. Kim
\$2,250,000	221 Creedon Cir.	4 BD/4 BA	Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4885	Harbor Bay Realty	Jeff Goodman

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\$2,380,000	26 Castlebar Pl.	4 BD/5.5 BA	Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay	510-814-4892	Harbor Bay Realty	Eunice Edwards
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\$595,000	822 Key	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	510-531-7000x246	Wells & Bennett Realtors	Stan Hammond	
\$618,000	619 Madison	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4	Albany Hills	510-524-9888x16	Berkeley Hills Realty	Jean
\$635,000	1116 Key Rt. Blvd	2+ +bd/2.5ba	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	510-527-9111	Mary Gray/Maykah Larkins	
\$639,000	1012 Kains Ave.	3bd/2.5ba	Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2122	Shahin Bayat	
\$639,000	810-812 Masonic Ave	DUPLEX	Open Sun 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens	510-524-0800	Anita & Alice Wilson	
\$650,000	1215 Portland Ave.	2BD/1BA	Open Sunday 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Marilyn Garcia	
\$685,000	1068 Ordway	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Pacific Union	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$699,000	1108 Kains Ave.	4bd/2ba	Open Sun 1:30-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2145	Virginia Jones	
\$850,000	555 Pierce St. #139	2+BD/2.5BA	Open Sat/Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Parviz Bagherzadeh	
\$990,000	717 Hillside	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700	Dan Joy	
Berkeley							
\$399,000	1721 Berkeley	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$449,000	1514	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5	Pacific Union	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$475,000	1712	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$499,000	1740	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2:00-4:30	Wohl-Luttringer	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$499,000	6422 Berkeley	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2122	Shahin Bayat	
\$529,000	2763	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$539,950	1636	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$549,000	1201	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	West	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$589,000	2211 Berkeley	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2122	Shahin Bayat	
\$599,000	1415	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 1:30-5	Coldwell Banker	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$599,000	1451	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$599,000	2930	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2122	Shahin Bayat	
\$625,000	1785	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$649,000	1573	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$659,000	1379	2+BD/1BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$695,000	315	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Thornwall Properties	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$699,000	116	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$720,000	2328	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$729,000	1330	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	510-527-9111	Mary Gray/Maykah Larkins	
\$749,000	1328	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$749,000	8 W. P.	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2122	Shahin Bayat	
\$795,000	121	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Millstein & Associates	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$829,000	1235	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2122	Shahin Bayat	
\$869,000	691	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$899,000	173	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5	Coldwell Banker	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$925,000	515	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$925,000	9	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Millstein & Associates	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	
\$949,000	1111	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5	Berkeley Hills Realty	510-524-9888x16	Berkeley Hills Realty	Jean
\$949,000	264	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2122	Shahin Bayat	
\$950,000	648	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-338-1330	Lorri Araz	

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\$399,000	1721 Berkeley Way #3	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Alicia Drake	
\$449,000	1514 Hearst	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5	Pacific Union	510-338-1354	Jennie A. Flanigan	
\$475,000	1712 Russell St.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	415-388-5060	Saeed Shahabi	
\$499,000	1740 9th St.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2:00-4:30	Wohl-Luttringer	510-486-9343	Agt Barbara	
\$499,000	6422 Benvenue Ave	2bd/1.5ba	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-409-9111	Ferli Niroomani	
\$529,000	2763 Dohr St.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Gene Della Maglior	
\$539,950	1636 Stuart St.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage	510-459-3093	Tiffany Copland	
\$549,000	1201 Masonic Ave. A & B	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Westbrae	510-527-5741	Re/Max Executive	Anne Foreman
\$589,000	2211 Browning St.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2105	Sara Garabed-N	
\$599,000	1415 Carleton	3BD/1BA	Open Sun 1:30-5	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Azaria Berkeley	
\$599,000	1451 Henry Street	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	Nacio Brown	
\$599,000	2930 Fulton St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2121	Mark & Katie Lederer	
\$625,000	1785-87 Franklin	BD-/BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Duplex	510-338-1346	Joanna Gould	
\$649,000	1573 Thousand Oaks	3BD/4BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage	510-289-4012	Miriam Wilson	
\$659,000	1379 Delaware Street	2+BD/1+BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-522-9888	Jennifer Fickenscher	
\$695,000	315 The Spiral	3+bd/1.5ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	Tilden Park	510-848-1950x240	Thornwall Properties	Colleen Larkin
\$699,000	1160 Keeler	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Kim & Barbara Marienthal	
\$720,000	2328 Le Conte Ave.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	925-258-1111	Billi & Billy Finnegan	
\$729,000	1330 Martin Luther King Jr	2+ +bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	510-527-2700x27	Ann Arriola Plant	
\$749,000	1328 Addison Street	3BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage	510-504-7986	Helen Nicholas	
\$749,000	8 W. Parnassus CT	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2120	Jimmy Reina	
\$795,000	1219 Walnut	3bd/3ba	Open Sun 2-4	Millstein & Associates	510-527-8822	Gene Millstein	
\$829,000	1235 Stannage Ave	4bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2152	Dana Cordeiro	
\$869,000	691 Emesnada Avenue	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400	Nancy Lehrkind	
\$899,000	1730 Blake St.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-5	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Tom Thomas	
\$925,000	515 Cragmont	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union	510-338-1341	Leslie Avant	
\$925,000	923 Euclid	DUPLEX	Open Sun 2-4	Millstein & Associates	510-527-8822	Gene Millstein	
\$999,000	1111 Alvarado Rd	4bd/2.5ba	Open Sun 2-5	Claremont Hills	510-524-9888x20	Berkeley Hills Realty	Nancy Mueller
\$999,000	2649 Russell St	4bd/4ba	Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2030	Catherine Stern	
\$950,000	645 Euclid Ave	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400	Anne Van Dyke	

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\$1,150,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills Realty	2470 CA
\$1,150,000	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	2929 Benvenue
\$1,175,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	No. Berkeley Hills Realty	550 Grizzly Peak Blvd
\$1,175,000	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	781 Spruce Street
\$1,195,000	Open Sun 1-5	Red Oak Realty	1106 Grizzly Peak Blvd
\$1,195,000	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	815 San Luis
\$1,275,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union Residential	534 The Alameda
\$1,295,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	908 Mendocino Ave
\$1,495,000	Open Sun 1-5	Pacific Union R. E.	128 Vicente
\$1,550,000	Open Sun 2-4pm	Marvin Gardens	6848 Charing Cross Rd
\$1,550,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills Realty	1395 Grizzly Peak Blvd.
\$1,680,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills Realty	753 Santa Barbara
\$1,685,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	669 Euclid Avenue
\$1,700,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	96 The Plaza Drive
\$1,795,000	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	69 Parnassus Rd.
\$1,950,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	2887 Buena Vista
\$2,495,000	Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	47 Oakwood
\$3,700,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	1010 Crater
Castro Valley			
\$895,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Better Homes Mortclark	5394 Elgin
El Cerrito			
\$509,950	Open Sun 2-4:30	Heritage Real Estate	1332 Rockwood
\$529,000	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	441 N. Broadway
\$549,000	Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	1524 Richmond
\$550,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens	1430 Rockwood
\$575,000	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	6626 Contra Costa
\$579,000	Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	1416 Rockwood
\$589,000	Open Sun 2-4	Security Pacific R.E.	627 Contra Costa
\$629,000	Open Sun 2-4	Security Pacific R.E.	246 Contra Costa
\$629,000	Open Sat/Sun 1-4	Prudential	6602 Contra Costa
\$649,500	Open Sun 1-4	Results Realty	5907 Contra Costa
\$679,900	Open Sun 1-4	Old Time Realtors	145 Contra Costa
\$695,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens	846 Contra Costa
\$710,000	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	2324 Contra Costa
\$749,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens	7310 Contra Costa
\$775,000	Open Sun 2-5	Coldwell Banker	537 Contra Costa
\$825,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union	646 Contra Costa
\$895,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	Stasky & Company	6431 Contra Costa
\$1,298,000	Open Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	2325 Contra Costa
\$1,500,000	Open Sun 2-5	Coldwell Banker	7304 Contra Costa
\$1,695,000	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	1383 Sun Valley
El Sobrante			
\$698,000	Open Sun 2-5	Marvin Gardens	1710 Contra Costa
\$699,000	Open Sun 1-4	Marvin Gardens	2210 Contra Costa



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2469 Truman Avenue	2BD/1BA	510-899-8000	Kelly Deal
565 Bellevue Ave. #1108	1bd/2ba	510-555-7699	Dave Higgins
2701 55th Ave.	4bd/1ba	510-845-0211	Jeanette Vento
2507 24th Avenue	3BD/2BA	510-338-1354	Jeanne A. Flanagan
2344 90th Avenue	3BD/1BA	510-531-7000x241	Rita Robinson
2818 Atwell	2BD/1BA	510-531-7000x228	Kate Phillips
703 Brockhurst St	3+BD/1BA	510-895-8000	Lydia Puller
5335 Fleming Ave	3BD/1BA	510-486-1495	Holly Rose
3027 Seminary Ave	3bd/2ba	510-339-4000	Earle Shenk
3221 Florida Street	2BD/1BA	510-339-4700	Rachel Baller
5343 Broadway Terr. #202	2BD/2BA	510-338-1312	Martha Holstlaw
2569 Havens Court	3bd/1.5ba	510-834-2010	Demetrius Wilson
2757 Madera Ave.	2bd/1ba	510-595-7699	Dave Higgins
280 Caldecott Lane #109	2BD/2BA	510-338-4700	Karen Lum
4419 Camden Street	3BD/1.5BA	510-531-7000x244	Margaret Acevedo
5456 Brookdale	2BD/2BA	510-339-4700	Donna Conroy
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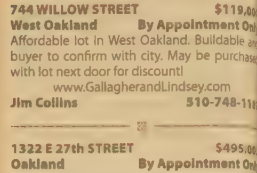
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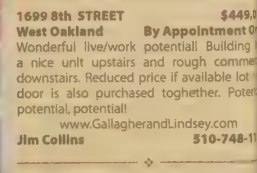
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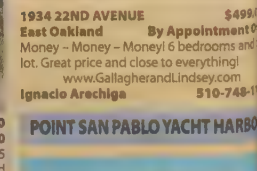
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## Around the horn

### Scoffern stands tall

■ Oakland resident Brad Scoffern was named Patriot League special teams player of the week last week for his performance in Georgetown University's 10-7 win over Stony Brook-N.Y. on Sept. 24. Scoffern, a 2001 Bishop O'Dowd High School graduate, handled both kicking and punting chores for the Hoyas. The senior made a 19-yard field goal and added the extra point on his team's winning touchdown. He also averaged 38.4 yards on eight punts. Three of Scoffern's second-half punts fell inside the Stony Brook 20-yard line. Scoffern played freshman football at O'Dowd but never played on the varsity. With the Dragons, Scoffern was better known for his soccer prowess. He was a three-year varsity player and was a team tri-captain as a senior. Scoffern originally went on to St. Mary's College but transferred to Georgetown when the Gaels dropped football.

— Mike McGreehan

### Logjam

■ At press time, there is a four-way tie for third place in the Bay Shore Athletic League girls volleyball standings after Tuesday's matches. Behind Albany (5-0) and St. Mary's (4-1), four teams are tied for third place with 3-2 records: Holy Names, Piedmont, St. Joseph Notre Dame and Salesian. None of those teams played each other Thursday (results of Thursday's matches were not available at press time), but on Tuesday, Salesian hosts Holy Names. This logjam could foreshadow a great race for the league playoffs' six spots.

— Phil Jensen

### Too good for the BSAL?

■ After winning its first two Bay Shore Athletic League matches by 6-1 scores, the Piedmont High School girls tennis team has won each of its last four matches 7-0. Sitting atop the BSAL with a 6-0 mark heading into Thursday's match against Albany, Piedmont has outscored its BSAL opponents 40-2. Piedmont beat Albany 7-0 on Sept. 20 to start the series of shutouts. In a 7-0 win over St. Joseph last week, Piedmont did not even play three of its top four singles players. Coach Neil Rothenberg separated his No. 1 doubles team of Alex Corvin and Sally Baker and played them at singles. They responded by each winning their matches 6-0, 6-0. To their credit, the Highlanders (13-2-2 overall) do schedule tough nonleague opponents. Their losses have come against Foothill and San Ramon Valley and they played at Carondelet on Wednesday after press time. Piedmont plays North Coast Section champion Monte Vista next Wednesday.

— Dave Carpenter

### Homecoming

■ St. Joseph Notre Dame graduates Ray Young and Justin Davis both signed free-agent deals with the Golden State Warriors on Sept. 29. Young graduated from St. Joseph in 1998 and played five seasons, redshirting one year, at UCLA. Davis graduated in 1999 and played for Stanford.

— Robert Jordan

### Softball clinics

■ The Oakland Girls Softball League will conduct skills clinics for players the next three Sundays at Owen Jones Field from noon-2 p.m. Ages 7-10 are invited Oct. 9; ages 11-14 are invited Oct. 16 and 23. These clinics are free and open to returning and new players, and are conducted by a staff that includes college level players. For more information, visit ogsf.org or call 510-339-7268.

— Mike McGreehan

### On deck

■ Girls tennis, Monte Vista at Piedmont, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday — The North Coast Section champs are coming to town. Monte Vista visits Piedmont in what should be the toughest match the Highlanders have all season. Monte Vista has already beaten Diablo Foothill Athletic League power Miramonte 8-1 and last year's NCS runner-up Foothill 9-0. Piedmont's No. 1 player is Mary Ann Kao, while the Mustangs counter with Mia Giovanetti.

■ Girls tennis, St. Mary's at Albany, Thursday at 3:30 p.m. — The Panthers edged the Cougars 4-3 on Sept. 13 in the BSAL opener for both teams.

■ OAL cross country, Joaquin Miller Park, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. — The Oakland Athletic League kicks off its dual meet season with Fremont taking on Castlemont, Oakland Technical facing Oakland High and Skyline competing against McClymonds. All the action takes place at one venue with staggered starts.

■ Girls volleyball, Berkeley at Encinal, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. — For the last four out of five seasons, the Jets have finished second to the Yellow Jackets in the ACCAL, including last season when Berkeley went 14-0 and Encinal finished 12-2.

■ Cross Country, Castro Valley Invitational, Saturday at Canyon Middle School, 8:30 a.m. — BSAL and island rivals Alameda and St. Joseph are both expected to compete at the blank-team tournament. In the one meeting so far this season, the Pilots boys team edge the Hornets, while Alameda took the girls race.

### Stars of the week

■ Margo Winton, St. Mary's girls tennis — The senior shot a personal-best 6-over-par 42 and was the medalist in the Panthers' 279-285 victory over Berkeley at Tilden Park Golf Course. Her score was 12 strokes better than the next lowest score in the competition.

■ Jana Poole, Albany girls volleyball — The sophomore had a match-high 17 kills and added three blocks in the Cougars' 25-18, 25-18, 25-23, 21-25, 15-11 defeat of St. Mary's. She also had 18 kills and five digs in the Cougars' 26-24, 25-20, 27-25 victory over Salesian.

■ Jamar Smith, Berkeley football — Smith rushed for a game-high 181 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown as the Yellow Jackets defeated Alameda 35-14.

# Not so fast: Albany upends St. Mary's



ALBANY'S JANA POOLE puts the shot past the defense of St. Mary's Natalie Bogan, left and Cory Burgamy on Tuesday.

■ Cougars put a halt to Panthers' 17-match league winning streak with a five-game victory

By Ricardo Sanchez Jr.  
STAFF WRITER

For the St. Mary's High School girls volleyball team, the match against Albany on Tuesday was supposed to be like any other in the Bay Shore Athletic League.

Counting last year's undefeated league season (13-0) and this year's 4-0 start, the Panthers were riding a 17-match league winning streak.

Nothing — not even the motivated Cougars (who lost twice to St. Mary's last season) — was going to stop the Panthers from winning No. 18, right?

"I guess that's what people thought," Albany outside hitter Jana Poole said. Poole, a sophomore outside hitter, fin-

### GIRLS ROUNDUP

ished with a match-high 17 kills, and Shireen Javandel pitched in with eight blocks to help lead Albany to a 22-25, 25-18, 25-23, 21-25, 15-11 win over visiting St. Mary's.

"(Albany) played better than they were scouted," Panthers coach Jon Segall said. "All credit goes to Albany."

After dropping the first game on a service error by Poole, the Cougars bounced back. Poole blocked both Natalie Bogan and Bernie Leary on the same play to end the second game with a 25-18 win.

Poole then closed out the third game with a kill on an assist from setter Caitlyn Giblin, who finished with 28 assists.

After the Panthers won the fourth game 25-21, the Cougars' Nicky Hagan

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### BOYS ROUNDUP

## Berkeley runs all over Alameda

■ Yellow Jackets churn out the yards to take a 28-0 halftime lead

By Dave Carpenter  
STAFF WRITER

Physical domination.

That's the most accurate way to describe the Berkeley High School football team's 35-14 rout over visiting Alameda last Friday afternoon.

It was the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener for both teams. Overall, Berkeley improved to 2-2 while Alameda dropped to 1-3.

The first half told the story. In that span, Berkeley's running game totaled 143 yards, compared to minus-8 for Alameda. Of course, the 28-0 lead for the Yellow Jackets at the half was a strong enough indicator of what was happening.

Berkeley running back Jamar Smith sped his way to a 56-yard touchdown run with 1:09 remaining in the third quarter to make it a 35-7 game. Smith finished with 181 yards on 22 carries. Fullbacks Nick Allan and Christopher Andrews combined for 106 yards. Berkeley gained 288 rushing yards in all.

"Nick and our other fullback Chris Andrews — we talk before plays — we set the pace," Smith said. "The (offensive) line does what it has to do to make us look like all-stars."

Allan looked like the all-star early on. Berkeley's first seven offensive plays of the game were all runs by Allan. He gained 39 yards in those plays and scored the first three touchdowns of the game. His runs of 8, 1 and 18 yards put the Yellow Jackets up 20-0 with 8:36 to go in the first half.

Berkeley scored its fourth touchdown of the game with 1 second remaining in the half. On its only pass completion of the game, Lucas Fogarty hooked up with Michael Van Meurs from 55 yards out. A successful 2-point conversion via a pass to Allan from Kenneth Adams made it 28-0.

"We're not used to that speed," Alameda running back/linebacker Jonathan Ve'e said. "They're the fastest team we've played."

The Hornets showed signs of life in the second half when Ve'e recovered a Yellow Jackets' fumble at the Berkeley 5 yard line and made it into the end zone to put his team on the scoreboard with 10:38 left in the third quarter.

Ve'e scored both Alameda touchdowns. In addition to his third-quarter touchdown, he also bolted into the end zone from 3 yards out with 2:54 left in the game.

Berkeley outgained Alameda 343-172.

**Albany 14, King's Academy-Sunnyvale 14:** The Cougars' Caleb Kahn scored on a 5-yard run and then ran in the two-point conversion for a 14-14 tie early



EL CERRITO'S Darnell Quinney carries the ball in front of the barren stands in Monday's win over De Anza.

## Running on empty, El Cerrito wins

■ Playing on a Monday with no fans in attendance, Gauchos turn back De Anza

By Bill Kolb  
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — What if you threw a football game and nobody came?

The De Anza High School football team found out on Monday when it hosted El Cerrito for a 3:30 p.m. Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League matchup.

The Gauchos (3-1, 1-0 ACCAL) did a better job of overcoming the strange circumstances surrounding the game and pulled out a 32-14 victory.

The game was rescheduled from its original Friday slot due to a disturbance on the De Anza campus on the afternoon of Sept. 30. Police made no

arrests and nobody was seriously injured.

Officials from both schools agreed that it was best to postpone the game, and Monday was the first open date on which an officiating crew was available.

In the interest of safety, the game was not open to the public, meaning the Gauchos and Dons were playing a varsity league game in what amounted to a freshman scrimmage environment.

There's no truth to the rumor that the ACCAL will look to the NBA for a new marketing slogan: "The ACCAL: It's no-fan-tastic!"

Ultimately, though, after the weirdness of playing in a vacuum wore off, it was still just a football game.

A sloppy, disjointed football game, but a football game nonetheless.

The teams combined for six inter-

ceptions, four lost fumbles, 15 penalties resulting in 109 yards, four failed 2-point attempts and one missed PAT in a contest that lasted over 2½ hours.

The Dons (2-2, 0-1) struck first when Roy Polk reeled in the first of his two interceptions against El Cerrito quarterback Don-Miguel Tutass on the Gauchos' first possession of the game. Less than 30 seconds later, Dons quarterback Harrison Rheinhardt found a wide-open Corey Jackson with a 50-yard touchdown pass to put De Anza up 6-0.

The lead was short-lived. Tutass hit Kaya Fitzgerald with a crisp pass in the middle of the field. Fitzgerald broke two tackles at the 40 and was off to the races for a 53-yard score that tied things at 6-6.

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# Negro League tribute is tonight at Oakland Museum

ANYONE WHO HAS STUDIED baseball's rich history has heard of the Homestead Grays, Pittsburgh Crawfords and New York Cubans. They'll know the stories of Hall of Famers Satchel Paige, Cool Papa Bell, Bullet Joe Rogan and Josh Gibson.

All of the above, though, just scratches the surface of Negro League baseball, the featured topic tonight at the Oakland Museum. "A Tribute To the Negro Leagues" will run from 7-10 p.m., and will feature memorabilia sales as well as stories from former Negro League players.

"A Tribute To the Negro Leagues" runs in conjunction with the Baseball Hall of Fame's "Baseball As America," on display at the Oakland Museum through Jan. 22.

"It's going to be rather exciting," says Oakland's Arif Khatib, founder of the African American/Ethnic Sports Hall of



MIKE MCGREEHAN  
Between the Lines

Fame, one of the sponsors of tonight's event. "We're going to have Negro League players (Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, Neale "Bobo" Henderson and Ross "Satch" Davis are among those scheduled to appear) who are going to discuss what it was like in the day. We're also going to play a video of Buck O'Neil (from Baseball As America's official opening in Oakland last month). He can carry any show in an interview — there's a lot of good information, a lot of good stuff."

Raymond Doswell, curator of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo.,

will conduct the discussion with the former players. The event will also include the screenings of two acclaimed films, "Only the Ball Was White" and "There Was Always Sun Shining Somewhere."

Anybody who has seen these or other films, or perhaps read books on Negro League or Latin American baseball (historically, there was a lot of crossover), surely has heard about the above named teams as well as such great squads as the Birmingham Black Barons, Baltimore Elite Giants, Kansas City Monarchs and Chicago American Giants.

For sure, Negro League baseball — much in the vein of Major League Baseball before the Giants and Dodgers came West — principally was an east-of-the-Rockies phenomenon. But some leagues made inroads on the West Coast, too.

Most notable was the short-lived West Coast Baseball As-

sociation, which Khatib will discuss at tonight's event.

Though black semipro teams had enjoyed success in the Bay Area for a number of years, World War II brought an influx of new African-American residents — especially shipyard workers and their families — to the area. By 1946, African-American baseball players living on the West Coast looked to establish their own fully professional league. Thus, the WCBA was born.

The local entries were the Oakland Larks and San Francisco Sea Lions. Others were the Seattle Steelheads, San Diego Tigers, Los Angeles White Sox and Portland Rosebuds, a team owned by Olympic great Jesse Owens. The plan was to have these teams play in Pacific Coast League stadiums while the latter teams were on the road.

Though the WCBA lasted just a part of one season, the

Larks extended the life of their franchise an additional year by barnstorming. One Larks player of note was pitcher Lionel "Lefty" Wilson, who later became the first African-American judge in Alameda County and eventually Oakland's first African-American mayor.

"Basically, what happened to Lionel was that he could see that the league wasn't going to survive," Khatib says. "He had plans to go to law school. But he was quite an athlete overall — he could have been a champion tennis player. If he would have been more successful in baseball, who knows what the local (political) history would have been."

In 1947, Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby integrated major league baseball, opening a new chapter in the game's history. Soon, the acceptance of black players by both major and minor league teams became more commonplace

(Artie Wilson, for instance, integrated the PCL's Oakland Oaks in 1949), signaling the beginning of the end of Negro League baseball.

Today, the Negro Leagues serve as a reminder of both baseball's rich history as well as its — and our nation's — troubled past.

**NOTES:** Also helping put tonight's event are the African American Museum and Library Coalition as well as Patrons of the Arts and Humanities. Baseball Hall of Fame will hold a special election in February of Negro League and pre-Negro League candidates. The Hall of Fame will accept written recommendations of possible candidates from fans and historians through October. Recommendations may be e-mailed to [info@baseballhalloffame.org](mailto:info@baseballhalloffame.org), or mailed to: Committee on African-American Baseball, 25 Main Street, Coersterown, N.Y. 13226.

## PREP FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	3-1	Spartans best Palma, which tied them last year
2.	Monte Vista	4-0	Mustangs might be the best conditioned team in the East Bay
3.	Foothill	4-0	Falcons tested by SRV, hang on for 41-35 win to open EBAL play
4.	McClymonds	3-1	Warriors handled by Dorsey-L.A. in 31-0 loss
5.	California	3-1	Grizzlies run out of gas against Monte Vista
6.	San Leandro	4-0	Pirates might not be tested again until Week 10 vs. Hayward
7.	Ygnacio Valley	4-1	Warriors pound Skyline 35-7
8.	James Logan	4-0	Colts start MVAL play with a rollicking win over Mission San Jose
9.	Las Lomas	3-1	Knights on cruise control vs. Northgate in 40-9 win
10.	San Ramon Valley	3-1	Wolves can't quite keep up with high-flying Falcons

Others receiving votes: Alcalanes (3-1), Benicia (3-0), Pittsburg (3-1). The football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers.

## THIS WEEKEND'S FOOTBALL GAMES

■ **Oakland (1-2) vs. Albany (0-3-1)** at Cougar Field, Brighton Avenue, Albany, 3:30 p.m. today  
Last week: Oakland lost to Piedmont 47-26; Albany tied King's Academy-Sunnyvale 14-14.

Notes: The Wildcats' Cameron Brown rushed for 337 yards and four touchdowns in the loss to Piedmont. The Cougars have scored an average of 8.5 points per game this season.

■ **Berkeley (2-2, 1-0 ACCAL)** at Richmond (2-2, 0-1), 7 p.m. today  
Last week: Berkeley beat Alameda 35-14; Richmond lost to Hercules 16-13.  
Notes: Jamar Smith leads the Yellow

Jackets in rushing with 368 on 57 carries but has scored just two touchdowns. The Oilers have given up 464 yards on the ground in three of their four games.

■ **El Cerrito (3-1, 1-0 ACCAL)** vs. Alameda (2-2, 0-1), 7 p.m. today at Thompson Field, Walnut Street, between Clement and Buena Vista, Alameda

Last game: El Cerrito beat De Anza 32-14 on Monday; Alameda lost to Berkeley 35-14.

Notes: JoElbert Dennis and Darnell Quinney have combined for 602 yards rushing. In the Hornets' two losses,

they have given up 508 rushing yards.

■ **St. Mary's (2-2) vs. Sacred Heart Cathedral-San Francisco (5-0)**, Kezar Stadium, 7 p.m. today  
Last week: St. Mary's lost to Petaluma 14-0; Sacred Heart Cathedral beat Moreau Catholic 49-14.

Notes: The Panthers will have their hands full trying to contain the Fighting Irish's Stevie Lee. Last week, Lee scored on a 46-yard run, an 87-yard punt return and a 100-yard interception return. Other wins by the Irish include a 27-26 squeaker against Rioran-San Francisco and a 28-12 triumph over St. Ignace-San Francisco.

## Boys

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in the fourth quarter. But neither team could mount a successful drive in the latter stages of the nonleague game at Cougar Field.

It looked like Albany (0-3-1) wouldn't get another chance to score after punting with 1:00 remaining. But on the next play, Cougars cornerback Eric Roberson leapt over intended receiver Andrew Vazquez to haul down an interception.

But on the following play, Albany quarterback Ari Colby aggravated an injury to his left ankle and had to leave. Roberson, who also plays running back, moved into the quarterback slot. The drive stalled and the Cougars punted on fourth-and-2 with 25.1 seconds left, and held off the Knights (2-1).

Roberson scored Albany's first touchdown with 10:02 left in the second quarter, dragging two defenders with him as he

pushed his way into the end zone from the King's Academy 1 on fourth-and-goal. The Knights scored a touchdown on their first possession of each half.

**Petaluma 14, St. Mary's 0:** The host Trojans (4-0) received 97 yards rushing from Andrew Ross and Petaluma's defense limited St. Mary's (2-2) to a total of 69 yards.

Charlie Ziegenhagen opened the scoring with a 10-yard run in the first quarter. Ross added a 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Petaluma had 266 yards in the game.

### CROSS COUNTRY

**St. Mary's 21, Albany 34; Albany 25, Alameda 30; St. Mary's 25, Alameda 32:** Rob Riccardi led a strong team effort by the Panthers. St. Mary's took third, fourth, sixth and seventh in the tri-meet at Tilden Park on Sept. 29. Riccardi was third with a time of 17 minutes, 44 seconds for the 3.1 mile course.

**Artichoke Invitational:** Albany's Colin Bauer finished sev-

enth out of 202 runners in the boys small school race Saturday at the Artichoke Invitational in Half Moon Bay.

Bauer, a senior, produced a time of 12:12 for the 2.25 mile course. Albany finished 12th as a team with 325 points.

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## Girls

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emerged, putting away four of her six kills in the final game.

The win gives the Cougars (13-4, 5-0) sole possession of first place in the BSAL and puts them in the driver's seat.

"It's a huge step for us," Poole said. "We had confidence. We knew we could do it. But we weren't cocky."

Bogan was the most consistent hitter for the Panthers, as she used the quick set at the net to collect 13 kills and six blocks. St. Mary's setter Cory Burgamy finished with 38 assists.

Panthers sophomore Tarah Murray seemed out of sync for the majority of the match. Murray had only two kills in the first game and made many uncharacteristic hitting and serving errors. The outside hitter still finished with 14 kills, three aces and a block.

"I'm disappointed," Segall said. "My team did not come out the way they were supposed to play. I don't know what happened."

The Panthers (15-4, 4-1) held a 3-2 lead in the fifth game but then gave up four straight points, three of those aces by Sara Hsieh, and never regained the lead.

**Albany d. Salesian:** The host Cougars needed only three games to beat the Chieftains in a BSAL match on Sept. 29, but all three were close. Albany prevailed 26-24, 25-20, 27-25.

For Albany, Poole had 18 kills and five digs, Ruth Rossman had 13 digs and eight kills, and Erin Houghton had three kills and two blocks.

**St. Mary's d. Piedmont:** Bogan had 14 kills, four blocks and two digs as the Panthers easily

defeated the Highlanders 25-7, 25-16, 25-18 on Sept. 29. Genny Pezzola had six kills, two blocks and two digs for St. Mary's, and Burgamy had 31 assists and six digs.

**Berkeley d. El Cerrito:** The visiting Yellow Jackets improved to 3-0 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League with a 25-10, 25-19, 25-14 victory Tuesday. Emily Carver had a double-double with 12 kills and 11 digs for Berkeley. Teammate Megan Houlihan had seven kills and six digs. El Cerrito fell to 2-1 in the ACCAL season.

**El Cerrito d. Pinole Valley:** The Gauchos outlasted the host Spartans 20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 21-25, 16-14 in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League match on Sept. 29. El Cerrito was led by Sarah Price's 16 service points and nine assists and Myiah Watson's six blocks. Gauchos coach Nathan Jackson also credited Blair Amphy with converting five clutch serves in the final game and Lauren Martinez with "great floor defense."

The Gauchos trailed 11-7 and 14-12 in the final game, before completing a comeback to win the match.

### GOLF

**St. Mary's 279, Berkeley 285:** The Panthers' Margo Winton shot a personal-best six-over 42 in the nine-hole competition at Tilden Park Golf Course on Sept. 29. The next lowest score was 54 by Berkeley's Amelia Kurashige-Elliott.

**St. Patrick-St. Vincent 287, Berkeley 280:** The Yellow Jackets (3-4, 2-4 BSAL) were edged by the Bruins Tuesday at Tilden Park Golf Course. Kurashige-Elliott led the Yellow Jackets with a score of 17-over 53.

### TENNIS

**Berkeley 6, Pinole Valley 1:** The host Yellow Jackets (2-1 AC-

CAL) swept the doubles match in their ACCAL victory over Spartans on Tuesday. Suzan Seutz and Francesca Villa defeated Jasselle Cabugol and Alamec 6-1, 6-3 in the 1 doubles match.

**St. Mary's 6, Salesian 1:** Panthers also swept the doubles matches in their BSAL victory over the host Chieftains on Tuesday. Lauren Lopez and La Knowles defeated Kean Thomas and Jasmine Mason 1, 6-2 in the No. 1 doubles match.

**Albany 7, St. Joseph 0:** The host Cougars (3-3 BSAL) had only one match lengthened to three sets on Tuesday. In the No. 1 singles match, Elena Pan defeated Ann Dab 0, 6-0.

**Salesian 4, Albany 3:** Despite a No. 1 singles win by Pan, Cougars were edged by Chieftains on Sept. 29. Pan defeated Nicole Anoli 1-6, 6-2, 6-0.

### CROSS COUNTRY

**Alameda 27, Albany 28; Albany 15, St. Mary's 45; Albany 17, St. Mary's 38:** Jackie Quinn paced the Cougars with a second-place finish, but Albany edged by Alameda in the 3.1-mile race at Tilden Park on Sept. 29. Quinn produced a time of 17 minutes, 20 seconds in the

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## El Cerrito

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The teams then traded turnovers so rapidly that at one point even the officiating crew didn't know which direction the ball was headed. Doug Murray intercepted a Rheinhardt pass, but Darnell Quinney fumbled five plays later and Lewis Robinson recovered for De Anza.

On the very next play, Rheinhardt fumbled while being sacked and Quinney recovered. Two plays later, Nomari Flentroy picked off Tutass again.

The Dons were forced to punt, and Tutass found Murray slanting over the deep middle for a 47-yard scoring strike that put El Cerrito up for good, 12-6.

JoElbert Dennis added a 14-yard running score and a 68-yard punt return for a TD as the Gauchos scored 26 straight points to lead 26-6 at the half.

"It was definitely weird," Tutass said. "We had the whole weekend off, and we're expected to come and play on a Monday. It's unnatural. You spend the whole week building up to Friday, then there's no game. It definitely felt empty."

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## NOW PLAYING

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**"THE ARISTOCRATS":** A documentary about the art of telling a joke. And not just any joke, but an incredibly raunchy one that every comedian worth his or her salt knows. Among the cast are Phyllis Diller, Robin Williams, Chris Rock, Richard Lewis, and on and on. A great peek into the inner world of comedy. — M. Pols. (Not rated; but filled with obscene language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. **B+**

**"BROKEN FLOWERS":** We meet middle-aged Don (Bill Murray) as he's being dumped by his live-in lover (Julie Delpy). On the same day, an unsigned letter informs Don that he unknowingly fathered a son 19 years earlier and that the boy may be on a quest to find his father. Don sets off on a cross-country journey to look for the four women he loved and left some 20 years before and to figure out who might have borne him a child. A beautifully acted and intelligent movie that, alas, doesn't work as well as it should. Jeff Shanon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange and Tilda Swinton. — M. Pols. (R: language, some graphic nudity, brief drug use.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **B**

**"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY":** Tim Burton's take on Roald Dahl's book is darker, stranger and way cooler than the 1971 Gene Wilder cinematic classic. Visually it's all Burton, a fairy tale come to life. Johnny Depp's Willy Wonka is like a cross between Michael Jackson and

Carol Channing, which sounds terrifying, but is instead captivating. A don't-miss summer movie that should live on for decades to come. — M. Pols. (PG: quirky situations, mild language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **A-**

**"THE CONSTANT GARDENER":** In this excellent adaptation of John le Carré's novel, Ralph Fiennes portrays a British diplomat, a hapless good guy who seems to be a doormat. But when his activist wife is killed in the film's first moments, the character evolves to reveal unfathomable depths. Director Fernando Meirelles makes Kenya part of his story, as he did with Rio in the Oscar-nominated "City of God." — M. Pols. (R: language, some violent images, sexual content, nudity.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. **A-**

**"CORPSE BRIDE":** Tim Burton returns to the dazzling world of stop-motion animation for this clever romp through a literary boneyard for its inspiration. The "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" director follows up that summer success with this macabre and sweet confection, wherein an unlucky-in-love corpse (voice of Helena Bonham Carter) gets another chance at the altar. But this relationship has issues; not only is the object of her affection (voice of Johnny Depp) already engaged, but he's alive. — R. Myers. (PG: some scary images and action, and brief mild language.) 1 hour, 17 minutes. **B**

**"EL CRIMEN PERFECTO":** In this antic and outrageous black comedy, Rafael Gonzalez (Guillermo Toledo) is a salesman in the ladies' department of a Madrid, Spain, department store. The suave womanizing Rafael's fondlest dream is to be made for manager. When his archival, Don Antonio (Luis Varela), is named to the position instead, Rafael's world begins to unravel. — D. Stevens. (Not rated; in Spanish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **B+**

**"EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED":** For his directing debut, Liev Schreiber has boiled down Jonathan Safran Foer's bizarre novel into something a little more conventional. But only a little. The lead character, also named Jonathan Safran Foer (Elijah Wood), goes searching around Ukraine for an ancestral village destroyed during the Holocaust. He hires a young Ukrainian man and his grumpy, blind grandfather to help him find the mystery woman who, family legend has it, saved his grandfather's life during the German occupation. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. **B**

**"THE EXORCISM OF EMILY ROSE":** Are demons real, or a manifestation of mental illness? Do exorcisms work

because they tap into the power of God, or because the sufferer has been preconditioned to respond? This film explores both sides while delivering some creepy chills. Laura Linney plays an attorney assigned to defend a rural priest charged with homicide. His parishioner Emily Rose succumbed after months of torment by what the priest is convinced was demonic presence. — R. Butler. (PG-13: thematic material, including intense/frightening sequences and disturbing images.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **C**

**"FLIGHTPLAN":** Jody Foster plays a woman who wakes up on a transatlantic flight claiming that her daughter is missing. The actress walks that tightrope between "Is she paranoid?" and "Should she be?" with such conviction and panic that she makes this "Twilight Zone" nightmare plausible and horrific. — R. Moore. (PG-13: violence, intense plot material.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B**

**"THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN":** Unabashedly raunchy, yet funny enough to keep you entertained through its feel-good finish. Steve Carell (from TV's "The Office") plays Andy, a middle-aged man who, because of a bad encounter or three, has decided that it's best to avoid women and concentrate on building his collection of action figures. But when his doofus co-workers discover his status, they make it their mission to get their friend some sex. With Catherine Keener. — G. Whipp. (R: pervasive sexual content, language, some drug use.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B**

**"FOUR BROTHERS":** Borrowing from a Western revenge tale, this scruffy, sadistic and occasionally entertaining modern-day parable takes place in Detroit. Ewan Mercer (Fionnula Flanagan) is still teaching kids important lessons about life and the right road when we meet her; then she's gunned down in her convenience store. The Mercer boys reunite for her funeral and to spill whatever blood it takes to avenge their mother's death. — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, pervasive language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **C**

**"THE FUTURE OF FOOD":** Deborah Koons Garcia's film, a far-reaching polemic against genetically modified foods, begins with a capsule history of agriculture going back more than 12,000 years, but concentrating on the 20th century. It traces the development of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the rise and fall of the green revolution, its morphing into the gene revolution, and the implanting of natural bacterial toxins into the

cells of corn. The movie wags its finger at the hand-in-hand relationship of multinational corporations and big government. — S. Holden. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **C**

**"THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED":** As a spectator sport, golf doesn't rate high on the excitement meter. But this compelling family film about an unlikely 20-year-old golfer who challenges the champ convincingly gets its inspirational rah-rah on. The movie tackles bigger issues as well, showing how classism pervaded the sport in England and America. The movie works for the most part, even though a bloated running time and a few bad moves by director Bill Paxton occasionally sink it into the sand trap. — R. Myers. (PG: mild brief language.) 2 hours. **B-**

**"GRIZZLY MAN":** Timothy Treadwell, an animal lover who spent 13 summers living among Alaska's grizzly bears, emerges as a lost soul in Werner Herzog's sly and captivating new documentary. Based on Treadwell's own video footage, the film documents his affection for the bears, his seething anger at society, his raging narcissism, his paranoid fantasy life and, finally, the ridiculously sad deaths of Treadwell and his girlfriend in 2003 — in the maw of a wild grizzly. — P. Kennicott. (R: profanity, disturbing situations.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B**

**"A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE":** One act of violence triggers another, which leads to another and another in director David Cronenberg's latest head trip. Viggo Mortensen plays an all-American dad who finds his family being hounded by a menacing man (Ed Harris) after he thwarts a robbery at his diner. The sexually graphic and gory film meditates on violence, identity and the American dream. It's not for the squeamish, but it is one of the year's most powerful and unsettling films. — R. Myers. (R: strong brutal violence, graphic sexuality, nudity, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **A-**

**"INTO THE BLUE":** Jared lives in a trailer in the Bahamas with his girlfriend, Sam (Jessica Alba), a shark handler. She loves their quiet life, but he dreams of searching for sunken vessels bearing lost riches. Jared gets his chance when an old college buddy visits with his girlfriend, and innocent diving adventures lead to two discoveries: a 150-year-old shipwreck, and a fortune in cocaine inside a cargo plane. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence, drug material, some sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **D+**

## OPENING TODAY

## Opening Today

**"CAPOTE" (R)**  
Philip Seymour Hoffman plays the lauded writer Truman Capote as he journeys to a small Kansas town in 1959 to research his masterpiece "In Cold Blood."

**"GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK" (PG)**  
Journalist Edward R. Murrow (David Strathairn) and CBS come under fire for exposing the bullying tactics of Sen. Joseph McCarthy. George Clooney co-stars and directs.

**"THE GOSPEL" (PG)**  
An R&B star puts his decadent life on hold so he can care for his estranged father, the bishop in his hometown church.

**"IN HER SHOES" (PG-13)**  
Two very different sisters (Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette) get to know each other better thanks to their grandmother (Shirley MacLaine). Based on Jennifer Weiner's best seller.

**"THE OVERTURE" (NR)**  
In this film biography, a musician takes on the Siamese government when it bans musical performances. (In Thai with subtitles.)

**"SEPARATE LIES" (R)**  
The other man (Rupert Everett)

throws a wrench in the seemingly happy marriage of a well-heeled couple (Emily Watson and Tom Wilkinson). "Gosford Park" scribe Julian Fellowes writes and directs.

**"THREE DANCING SLAVES" (NR)**  
Three brothers at a crossroads in their lives ponder their futures and identities in this drama from French filmmaker/factor Gael Morel.

**"TWO FOR THE MONEY" (R)**  
Matthew McConaughey plays an ex-football player who strikes it rich in the sports consulting world, only to discover the downside. With Al Pacino and Rene Russo.

**"WAITING" (R)**  
This comedy follows a group of young and restless restaurant workers during one wild and crazy shift.

**"WALLACE AND GROMIT — THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT" (G)**  
The big-screen debut of the clay-animation darlings finds the cheese-loving Wallace and the smart-witted Gromit sniffing out something wicked in the veggie patch.

**"JUNEBUG":** There are stereotypes in this movie; moralism, too. But first-time feature director Angus MacLachlan and an extraordinary cast (notably newcomer Amy Adams) find gnarly human truths in the material. A big-city gallery operator comes to the South to persuade a talented primitive artist to let her represent his artwork. — B. Strauss. (R: sex, nudity, language, racism, violence.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. **B+**

**"JUST LIKE HEAVEN":** Despite a too-weighty plot revelation in its final act, this bit of romantic fluff often works, thanks to its two leads — Mark Ruffalo and Reese Witherspoon. She plays the blithe spirit who returns to her San Francisco apartment only to find it has been sublet to a sad but cute man (Ruffalo). The two try to fill in the blanks of their lives in a romantic comedy that is almost defeated by the introduction of the serious plot. Ruffalo steals the show. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B-**

**"KEANE":** Wandering around Manhattan's bustling Port Authority bus terminal is a trim young man, William Keane (Damian Lewis). He becomes increasingly agitated as he tries to retrace the last moments he spent with his 6-year-old daughter, who suddenly vanished. He befriends a young woman, Lynn (Amy Ryan), with a 7-year-old daughter, Kira, who are staying at the same motel. The pair offer a sense of family and relief from his pain, but clearly it's only temporary. — K. Thomas. (PG-13: a scene of strong sexuality, drug use, language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **B+**

**"LORD OF WAR":** Gore oozes, seeps and spatters, and yet this movie/sermon feels bloodless. Nicolas Cage plays Yuri Orlov, a Ukrainian emigre who rises from under-the-table gun seller to international gun runner. With brother Vitali (Jared Leto) guarding his back, we watch Yuri's 20-year climb. Yuri deals in cash-and-carry, and he fast-talks his way out of death a dozen times. He doesn't take sides, and every time a shell casing bounces out of a chamber in Sierra Leone or Liberia, he hears a "ch-ching." — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, drug use, language, sexuality.) 2 hours. **B**

**"MAD HOT BALLROOM":** This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program. There's inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most of the fact — without milking it for cheap sentiment — that there will be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **B+**

**"MARCH OF THE PENGUINS":** A stunningly beautiful documentary about the mating habits of Emperor penguins. Makes you feel like a kid again — curious, excited and enraptured by a story that has nothing to do with humans, not to mention Morgan Freeman narrating in his soothing, rich-as-caramel voice. The only unfortunate aspect is the way director Luc Jacquet anthropomorphizes the birds, incorporating human ideals of love into the screenplay. It's unnecessary; the remarkable story of the penguins can make more than stand alone. Still, this is the perfect family movie. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 20 minutes. **B+**

**"MIRRORMASK":** This fantasy follows the odyssey of 15-year-old Helena, who has a life most kids would relish. She travels with her parents in a circus, but longs for a normal existence. Helena is overcome with guilt when her mother falls seriously ill after a bitter fight. She retreats into a fantasy world in which her mother is both good queen and bad queen; the girl must retrieve a magic charm to help the good queen. — P. Wuntch. (PG: scary images.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. **A-**

**"OLIVER TWIST":** The classic Charles Dickens tale gets the definitive treatment from "The Pianist" director Roman Polanski. Barney Clark makes a fine plucky hero, but it's Ben Kingsley's accomplished performance as master manipulator Fagin that stands out. In fact, everything stands out in this loving adaptation. — R. Myers. (PG-13: disturbing images.) 2 hours, 15 minutes. **A-**

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

## Alameda County

**Act 1 and 2**  
2128 Center St., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
●Brawl (R) 12.  
●Mirromask (PG) 7, 9, 25.  
●Three Dancing Slaves (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:40

**Albany Twin**  
1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-464-5980  
●Everything Is Illuminated (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7:20  
●Separate Lies (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.

**AMC Bay Street 16**  
8614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262  
Call theatre for movies and times.

**California Theatre**  
2113 Ketchikan St., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
●The Aristocrats (Not Rated) 3:45, 9:45.  
●Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) 12, 1:15, 2:35, 5:15, 6:15, 8:15, 9:20.  
●Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:10.

**Chabot Space & Science Center**  
1000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300  
Call theatre for movies and times.

**Elmwood 3**  
2949 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530  
●Broken Flowers (R) 4:50, 9:05.  
●El Crimen Perfecto (Not Rated) 7.  
●Green Street Hooligans (R) 4:45, 9:10.  
●Mad Hot Ballroom (PG) 4:30, 6:45.  
●Thumbsucker (R) 9:10.  
●The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill (G) 7:15.

**Renaissance Grand Lake**  
3800 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.  
●Flightplan (PG-13) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30  
●Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 6:45, 10:10.  
●Wallace & Gromit... (G) 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.

**Oaks Theatre**  
1675 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836  
●Green Street Hooligans Ever Played 2:10, 4:50, 7:30.  
●The Overture (Not Rated) 2, 4:40, 7:15.

**Parkway Speakeasy Theatre**  
1934 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 9:15  
●The Aristocrats (Not Rated) 9:45.  
●Broken Flowers (R) 6:30.  
●Wedding Crashers (R) 7.

**Piedmont Theatre**  
1166 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5980  
●March of the Penguins (G) 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15.  
●Oliver Twist (PG-13) 2, 5, 8.  
●Proof (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:25.

**Regal Jack London**  
1001 Washington, Oakland 510-413-1320  
●Flightplan (PG-13) 2:50, 5:15, 8, 10:30, 12:30.  
●The Gospel (PG) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.  
●A History of Violence (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:50, 10.  
●In Her Shoes (PG-13) 1:10, 4, 7:10, 10:20.  
●Roll Back (PG-13) 1:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50.

●Serenity (PG-13) 12:45, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15.  
●Corpse Bride (PG) 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:45, 9:40  
●Two for the Money (R) 1, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30  
●Wallace & Gromit... (G) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30

**Shattuck Cinemas**  
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
●2046 (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15.  
●Capote 12, 1, 2:30, 3:45, 5, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10.  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 9:30  
●Flightplan (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45.  
●The Future of Food (Not Rated) 4:45, 9:40  
●The Gospel (PG) 2:10, 4:35, 6:40, 9:10.  
●Grizzly Man (R) 2:20, 7:10.  
●Lord of War (R) 1:20, 4, 6:50.  
●March/Penguins 12:30, 2:40, 4:40, 6:40, 8:45.  
●Oliver Twist (PG-13) 2, 5:10, 8.  
●Serenity (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:35.

**United Artists Berkeley 7**  
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-864-1487  
●Constant Gardener (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50  
●History of Violence 12:40, 3:20, 5:40, 8, 10:20.  
●In Her Shoes (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10.  
●Into the Blue 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40.  
●Proof (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45.  
●Two for the Money (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30.  
●Waiting (R) 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.

**United Artists Emery Bay \***  
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 7:20, 10:20.  
●Flightplan (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40.  
●The Gospel (PG) 12:30, 1:15, 3, 4:15, 5:30, 7:15, 8, 9:45, 10:30.  
●A History of Violence (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15.  
●Oliver Twist (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20.  
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●Waiting (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15.

## Central Contra Costa

**Renaissance Orinda Theatre**  
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:40.  
●A History of Violence (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30.  
●Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) 12, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15.

**Rheem All Stadium \***  
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
●Flightplan (PG-13) 5:10, 7:40, 9:55.  
●In Her Shoes (PG-13) 5:05, 7:45, 10.  
●Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50.  
●Two for the Money (R) 5, 7:30, 9:45.

## West Contra Costa

**Century 16 Hilltop**  
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2945  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25.  
●Flightplan (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:25, 10.  
●The Gospel (PG) 11:45, 1, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45.

●The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG) 11:35, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15.  
●A History of Violence (R) 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35.  
●In Her Shoes (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30  
●Into the Blue (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:05, 9:40  
●Roll Back (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:35, 10:05.  
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●Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) 11:55, 1:50, 3:55, 5:55, 8, 9:55.  
●Two for the Money (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:20.  
●Waiting (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:50.  
●Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) 11:30, 12:30, 1:55, 2:55, 4:20, 5:20, 6:55, 7:55, 9:10, 10:10.

## San Francisco

**AMC Van Ness 14**  
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:25.  
●Flightplan (PG-13) 11:40, 2, 4:35, 7:05, 9:20, 11:35.  
●The Gospel (PG) 11:25, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45.  
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●Into the Blue (PG-13) 11:55, 2:20, 4:55, 7:45, 10:15.  
●Just Like Heaven (PG-13) 11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:50.  
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●Two for the Money (R) 11:30, 2:05, 5, 8, 10:45.  
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●Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15, 11:20.

## AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
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●In Her Shoes (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10.  
●Into the Blue (PG-13) 2, 4:40, 7:40, 10:15.  
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●Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) 12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 9:45.

## Bridge Theatre

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4893  
●March of the Penguins (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.

## Castro Theatre

429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120  
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## Clay Theatre

2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893  
●Army of Darkness (R) 12.  
●Capote (R) 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40.

## Embarcadero Center Cinemas

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-1885  
●Everything Is Illuminated (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50  
●Good Night, And Good Luck (PG) 12, 1, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8, 9:30, 10:15.  
●Proof (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.  
●Separate Lies (R) 1:20, 4, 7, 9:10.

## Lumiere Theatre

1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456  
●Mirromask (PG) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.  
●Three Dancing Slaves (Not Rated) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45.  
●Thumbsucker (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35.

## Opera Plaza Cinema

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893  
●2046 (R) 2:15, 5, 8.  
●The Aristocrats (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.  
●Broken Flowers (R) 1:30, 4, 6:45, 9:20.  
●Grizzly Man (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

## The Red Vic Theatre

1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994  
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## The Roxie Theatre

3117 16th St., San Francisco 415-863-1067  
●The Goebbels Experiment (Not Rated) 7, 9:15.

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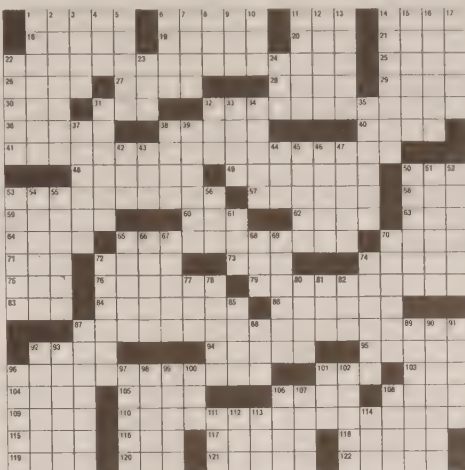
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-389-6200  
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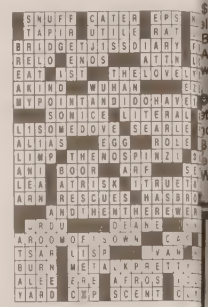
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**ASHKENAZ** — Hymn and The Folkland Orchestra, Oct. 7, 9 p.m. \$13.  
West African Highlife Band, Oct. 8, 8 p.m. African dance lesson at 9 p.m. Free.  
Turtu & Smyrna Time Machine, Oct. 8, 8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Balkan dance lesson. \$10.  
Steve Lucky and the Rumba Pump with Ms. Carmen Gotti, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. 8 p.m. Swing dance lesson. Sister I-Live, Oct. 15, 9:30 p.m. \$10.  
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## Events

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**CAL PERFORMANCES** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted.  
Takacs Quartet, Oct. 9, 3 p.m. The string quartet, accompanied by pianist Garrick Ohlsson, performs a program of works by Mozart, Debussy and Brahms. \$30 to \$52.  
Christopher Maltman, Oct. 16, 3 p.m. The British baritone, accompanied by pianist Malcolm Martineau, performs works by Schumann, Mahler, Duparc, Hahn, Paladilhe, Debussy and Poulenc. At Hertz Hall. \$42.  
Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, (510) 642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

**CALVIN SIMMONS THEATRE** — J.V. Song, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. The pianist performs works by Schubert, Boulianger, Liszt, Gershwin and Joang Weyne. Presented by Four Seasons. Concerts: \$25 to \$40. (510) 601-7919

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10 Tenth St., Oakland.

**CROWDEN MUSIC CENTER** — Baguette Quartet, Oct. 9, 4 p.m. A family-friendly concert featuring music heard in Paris from 1920 to 1940 on street corners, cafes and dance halls. \$12 general; free for children.  
1475 Rose St., Berkeley, (510) 559-6910 or www.crowdenmusiccenter.org.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BERKELEY** — The San Francisco Bach Choir, Oct. 8, 8 p.m. The choir opens its 2005-2006 season with a program of works by J.S. Bach and Corelli. \$15 to \$26. (415) 441-4942 or www.sfbach.org.  
Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. The program, "Musica de la Noche," features early Spanish music by Boccherini and Arriaga. Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. \$28 to \$56. (415) 392-4400 or www.philharmonia.org.

## Movies

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**"THE PRIZE WINNER OF DEFERENCE, OHIO"**: Julianne Moore stars as Evelyn Ryan, a real-life wife and mother of 10 who kept her family financially afloat by winning jingle contests in the 1950s. Woody Harrelson plays her alcoholic husband. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: thematic elements, some disturbing images, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

**"PROOF"**: There's a lot of talent in front of and behind the cameras for this screen version of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Unfortunately, Oscar-winners Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins, along with nearly everyone else, seem to be off their mark. There's some great writing, but in the end, this production of a smart tale about family, madness and genius simply doesn't add up. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual content, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C

**"RED EYE"**: In Wes Craven's airplane thriller, Lisa (Rachel McAdams) finds herself seated next to the charming fellow she met in the Dallas airport (played by Cillian Murphy). But upon takeoff, he reveals that her father will be killed unless she helps him assassinate a government official. Once the ominous tone is set, this claustrophobic scare-fest never loses altitude. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: intense sequences of violence and language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B

**"ROLL BOUNCE"**: In this '70s roller boogie comedy-drama-romance, Bow Wow plays Xavier (or "X"), who pals around with his skate buddies. The whole endeavor is set against the backdrop of the socioeconomic disparity between Chicago's South Side — where X and his friends live — and the wealthier North Side, where they're forced to skate once their run-down local rink closes. It's all formulaic, but Bow Wow is likable enough to make most of the movie tolerable. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: language, some crude humor.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C+

**"SERENITY"**: This follow-up to the canceled cult TV series "Firefly" combines classic elements of Westerns and science fiction, but sharp writing and well-drawn characters mean you can enjoy it even if you don't like those genres. Or if you don't have a history with the characters. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: intense violence and action, some sexual references.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

**"THUMB-SUCKER"**: In the title role, Lou Pucci plays Justin Cobb, a pale, thin 17-year-old who still sucks his thumb, much to the consternation of his parents. He doesn't fit in neatly with his peers, or in the classroom, yet winds up on the debate team.

This at once enrages and challenges his coach (Vince Vaughn), who declares that Justin suffers from attention-deficit disorder and suggests Ritalin. A breakout role for the young performer, but the movie offers nothing we haven't already seen. — K. Thomas. (R: drug/alcohol use and sexuality involving teens, coarse language, a disturbing image.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C

**"TRANSPORTER 2"**: This laughably awful sequel has Jason Statham reprise his role as Frank Martin, the crackjack no-questions-asked driver for hire. This time, Frank has moved to Miami, where he lives the quiet life as chauffeur to a 6-year-old, a rich kid with whom the former mercenary has forged a bond. Then, of course, the boy is kidnapped, forcing Frank to resume his fightin' ways to rescue his little buddy. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of violent action, sexual content, partial nudity, brief language.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. D

**"2046"**: Writer-director Kar Wai's Wong's rendering of 1960s Hong Kong is visually mesmerizing, but beneath the surface, there's little substance to the characters or situations. Tony Leung reprises his role from "In the Mood for Love" as Mr. Chow, formerly an idealistic newspaper editor who now writes soapy fiction just to scrape by. The film follows him as he hooks up with various women he meets while living at a hotel — the rotating inhabitants of room 2046. — C. Lemire. (R: sexual content; in Cantonese, Japanese and Mandarin with subtitles.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. B-

**"AN UNFINISHED LIFE"**: Robert Redford plays Elmer, who lives in Wyoming on a nearly deserted ranch, with only his old friend and former employee Mitch (Morgan Freeman) for company. Mitch was attacked and essentially crippled by a grizzly the year before our story begins. When the bear returns, the two men don't see eye to eye on how to handle it. Then along comes Jennifer Lopez as Elmer's widowed daughter-in-law. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some violence, including domestic abuse, and language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C+

**"WEDDING CRASHERS"**: Finally, a summer comedy that can make your stomach hurt from laughing. Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson play best friends who crash weddings looking for girls. The story slides downhill in its second half, when the focus is on a conventional romance between Wilson's character and pretty girl Rachel McAdams, but this is still the adult crowd-pleaser of the year. With Christopher Walken and newcomer Isla Fisher as a vixen who gives Vaughn a run for his money. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content/nudity and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B+

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**MILLS COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC** — Concerts take place in the Concert Hall unless otherwise noted.

Quartet San Francisco, Oct. 7, 8 p.m. The string quartet performs a program of works by Fred Frith, Annie Gosfield and Henry Cowell. \$12 general; \$6 seniors.

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Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, (510) 430-2296 or www.mills.edu.

**PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION** — "Praise God With Strings and Pipe!" Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Organists Oscar Burdick, Gail and Wayne Eastwood, Don Frueh, Karen Hastings-Fiegl, Kevin Manz and Scott Nelson

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# Events

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## BAY AREA CHRISTIAN CONNECTION

**Crown Folk's Music**— Let's go BACC to Church, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. Gospel concert to celebrate the BACC's acquisition of 810 Clay St. in Oakland. Features gospel recording artists, the BACC praise ensemble and the 100+voice BACC Gospel Workshop Choir. \$20. 10 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 268-4990.

## BERKELEY-RICHMOND JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**Daniel Pearl Music Day: My Father's Journey With Mezzo-Soprano Sylvia Braiman**, Oct. 9, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Braiman presents a one-woman show based on her father's story of survival during the Holocaust. The show includes stories, theater and Yiddish, Hebrew, French and Russian songs. 414 Walnut St., Berkeley. (510) 848-0327 or www.brjcc.org.

## LIVE PERFORMANCES

All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted.  
**Yunakov Ensemble**, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. An evening of "Bulgarian Bebop" featuring clarinetist Ivo Papesov. This performance is in Wheeler Auditorium on the University of California at Berkeley campus. \$32.  
**Wheeler Hall, University of California, Berkeley**, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

## DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT

**Woogie Piano**, Oct. 11, 8 p.m. Woogie Piano, Oct. 11, 8 p.m.

**Ned Boynton Trio**, featuring Jules Broussard on sax, Oct. 12, 8 p.m.  
**Curtis Woodman & Peter Barshay**, Oct. 13, 8 p.m.  
**Jennifer Lee Quartet**, with David Udolf and Kristen Strom, Oct. 14, 9 p.m.  
**Eric Swinderman Quartet**, with Mary Williams, Ruth Davies and Raul Ramirez, Oct. 15, 9 p.m.  
Free unless otherwise noted. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 649-3810 or www.downtown-restaurant.com.

## FREIGHT AND SALVAGE

**Leftover Dreams**, Oct. 7. \$17.50 to \$18.50.  
**Eric Thompson's Kleptograss**, Oct. 8. \$17.50 to \$18.50.  
**Ferron**, Oct. 9. \$19.50 to \$20.50.  
**Dan Bern, Garrin Benfield**, Oct. 11 through Oct. 12. \$17.50 to \$18.50.  
**David Mallett**, Oct. 13. \$17.50 to \$18.50.  
**Perfect Strangers**, Oct. 14. \$18.50 to \$19.50.  
**Rachel Garlin**, Oct. 15. \$18.50 to \$19.50.  
**Oh, Mr. Sousal**, Oct. 16. \$18.50 to \$19.50.  
Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 548-1761 or www.freightandsalvage.org.

## LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER

**Jon Fromer and The Cheats**, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. \$7 to \$15.  
**Jaronon Y Bochinché**, Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m. An evening of traditional and contemporary Afro-Peruvian music. \$15.  
**Francisco Aguabella y Su Grupo Ara Oko**, Oct. 15, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. An evening of Afro-Cuban folkloric music and dance. \$20.  
"Domingo de Rumba," Oct. 16, 3:30 p.m. A community participatory event featuring Afro-Cuban folkloric drums, dances and songs of rumba. In the

**Café Lobby**. Free.  
**Stop the Wars Tour** with Norman Solomon and folksinger David Rovics, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. A benefit for the National Radio Project. \$10 to \$15.  
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

## OAKLAND ARENA

**System of a Down, The Mars Volta, Hella**, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. \$32.50 to \$45.  
**Eagles**, Oct. 11, 8 p.m. \$45 to \$155.  
Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. (510) 762-2277, (925) 762-2277, (415) 478-2277 or www.bgp.com.

## PARAMOUNT THEATRE

**Devo, Bow Wow Wow**, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. \$54 to \$64. (510) 465-6400 or www.ticketmaster.com.  
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**Raw Deluxe**, Oct. 7, 9:30 p.m. \$5.  
**Angel Magik**, Oct. 8, 9 p.m. With DJs Ice Water, Engine Room, Jah Kno. \$15.

**King of Kings**, Oct. 9, 8 p.m. With DJs Henrok & Smoky on Oct. 9.

**With DJs Jah Yzer, Shortkut & Smoky** on Oct. 16. \$5 women and students, \$7 men.

**True Skool, Triple Threat & Unify Sound** present "Medley," Oct. 15, 9 p.m. With DJs Sake One, Vin Roc & Ren the Vinyl Archaeologist. \$TBA.

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<b>Gourmet Sushi &amp; Sashimi</b>	
8 pcs. of house selected Sushi, 6 pcs. of CA roll & Sashimi	
<b>Sashimi Dinner</b> Served with soup, salad & rice	16.95
<b>Sashimi Dinner</b> assortment of Sashimi	
<b>VEGETABLE MAKI - Roll</b> , cut to 4 to 6 pieces	
Asparagus Roll steamed asparagus with house special sauce	3.50
Avocado Roll	3.50
Shitake Roll black mushrooms	3.50
<b>MAKI - Roll</b> , cut to 4 to 8 pieces	
A's Roll soft shell crab, avocado, cucumber, crab meat topped with Unagi & special sauce	8.95
Alameda Roll cucumber, real crab meat, Unagi & Tobiko wrapped with sliced cucumber	5.95
Bay Scallop crab meat & avocado topped with baked scallops and house special sauce	8.95
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Crunchy spicy, crunchy crab, shrimp & cucumber	3.95
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Power Roll deep fried prawns cucumber topped with Unagi, avocado & Power sauce	8.95
Raiders Roll deep fried prawns, avocado, cucumber crab meat topped with Unagi & special sauce	8.95
Spider Roll whole soft shell crab & vegetables	5.95
Webster Roll shrimp tempura & cucumber, crab meat topped with White Tuna, avocado, tobiko and house special sauce	8.95
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Alaska grilled Salmon skin	3.50
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Sake Salmon	3.50
Shrimp Tempura battered whole shrimp	3.50
Unagi barbecued eel with avocado	3.95

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<b>Charbroiled</b> Served with soup, salad and rice	
<b>Chicken Teriyaki</b> charbroiled skinless, boneless chicken fillets in Teriyaki sauce	10.95
<b>Beef Teriyaki</b> charbroiled strips of beef in Teriyaki sauce	12.95
<b>Salmon Teriyaki</b> charbroiled fillet of Salmon in Teriyaki sauce	12.95
<b>Deep Fried</b> Served with soup, salad and rice	
<b>Tempura Dinner</b> battered prawns & vegetables	11.95
<b>Prawn Tempura</b> battered prawns	11.95
<b>Ton-Katsu</b> breaded lean pork loin with Ton-Katsu sauce	11.95
<b>Donburi</b> Over-rice dishes, served with soup and salad	
<b>Beef Teriyaki Donburi</b> charbroiled strips of beef with Teriyaki sauce	6.95
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<b>Vegetable Sukiyaki</b> assorted vegetables cooked in special sauce	12.95
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Choose TWO items from below	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Teriyaki</li> <li>• Beef Teriyaki</li> <li>• Salmon Teriyaki</li> <li>• California Roll (6 pieces)</li> <li>• Saba Shioyaki broiled Mackerel</li> <li>• Ton-Katsu breaded pork loin</li> <li>• Gyozo (not dumplings)</li> <li>• Tuna Sashimi sliced raw Tuna</li> <li>• Yakimiku sliced beef &amp; vegetable in Yakimiku sauce</li> </ul>	
*Add \$1.00 for adding Flying Fish egg	
*Add \$1.00 for each order of CA roll	
<b>VEGETARIAN BENTO</b>	<b>\$13.95</b>
Served with Vegetable Tempura soup, salad & rice	
Choose TWO items from below	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cucumber Roll</li> <li>• Oshitashi steamed spinach w/soy sauce</li> <li>• Age-Dashi Tofu</li> <li>• Oshinko</li> <li>• Wakame</li> <li>• Inari</li> <li>• Edamame</li> </ul>	
<b>COMBINATION DINNER</b>	<b>\$16.95</b>
Served with soup, salad and rice	
ONE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Teriyaki + • Sushi</li> <li>• Beef Teriyaki + • Sushi</li> <li>• Salmon Teriyaki + • Sushi</li> <li>• Tempura + • Sushi</li> <li>• Tonkatsu + • Sushi</li> <li>• Sukiyaki + • Sushi</li> <li>• Sashimi + • Sushi</li> </ul>	
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## Williams spices up 'Robots'

### ROBOTS

Like Tabasco sauce, Robin Williams makes everything he touches better. San Francisco's favorite manic comic brings "Robots" up from so-so status to genuinely funny. Ewan McGregor also stars in this animated DVD about a madcap world where everything, and everyone, is a robot. The computer-generated art isn't up to Pixar standards, and the storyline is missing the depth of a Disney DVD, but the hysterical ramblings from Williams make you quickly forget these flaws. The bad guys are a little too scary for some kids (I decided not to let my 5-year-old watch it), but kids 7 and up are sure to love it. (PG: Crude humor and some scary scenes). 1 hour and 24 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars  
Kids: 3½ stars  
Teens: 3 stars  
Adults: 3 stars  
Seniors: 2½ stars  
Should you rent it? Yes — Funny, fast-paced and family-friendly.

### THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS

Take "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," throw in a heaping helping of teen melodrama, and you've got "Traveling Pants." This isn't a very good DVD, but there are so few decent movies for teenage girls, that I'm willing to cut this one a break. Refreshingly, there are no drunken topless scenes or wacky 'steal the mascot' moments here. Instead, you just get a slightly over-earnest, fairly predictable tale of four life-long teenage girlfriends who spend a summer sharing a pair of blue jeans that mysteriously fit all of them (and their widely varying figures) perfectly. America Ferrera does a terrific job holding the ensemble cast together, and helps lift the DVD out of the maudlin. Safe for kids as young as 10. (PG: Mild language and talk of suicide). 1 hour and 59 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars  
Kids: 2½ stars  
Teens: 3 stars  
Adults: 2 stars  
Seniors: 2 stars  
Should you rent it? Yes — Nice for moms and their teenage daughters to watch together.

### A LOT LIKE LOVE

"A Lot Like Love" is a lot like cardboard — dull, stiff, lifeless and devoid of charm. Unlike cardboard, however, this DVD does not recycle well. Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet are charming actors, but lifeless pods clearly replaced them one night because I sense warmer affection between my dog and our phone jacks than what these two actors showed on screen. We're supposed to root for sometimes lovers Kutcher and Peet to wind up together in the end, but I actually found myself hoping they'd get into a messy breakup just so I could see some emotion. I was sufficiently bored during the movie that I found myself more interested in the Bay Area backdrops than the dialogue and alleged humor. Teens and hard-core Kutcher fans might enjoy this DVD, but the rest of the planet would do better going for a walk and getting some fresh air. (PG-13: Sex and language). 1 hour and 47 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 1½ stars  
Kids: ½ star  
Teens: 2½ stars  
Adults: 1½ stars  
Seniors: 1 star  
Should you rent it? No — A snoozer mislabeled as a romantic comedy.

J.B. Alderman lives in Piedmont and can be reached via [www.PhDVD.com](http://www.PhDVD.com).

# S.F. Opera plays with fire



GERALD FINLEY as J. Robert Oppenheimer sings in front of the atomic bomb in the San Francisco Opera world premiere of "Doctor Atomic."

■ John Adams' 'Doctor Atomic' digs deep into controversial history

By Georgia Rowe  
CORRESPONDENT

John Adams may be the world's most fearless opera composer. Yet with his latest work, "Doctor Atomic," he admits to feeling a new kind of anxiety.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning composer has never been one to shy away from controversy. His previous operas, "Nixon in China" and "The Death of Klinghoffer," were both based on actual 20th century events — the kind that tend to provoke highly charged political debates.

With his new opera, he's turned his attention to what many historians believe is the most significant event of the last century: the creation of the first atomic bomb. The opera's title character is J. Robert Oppenheimer, the physicist who steered the Manhattan Project to its completion when the bomb was detonated in 1945 at the secret Trinity test site near Alamogordo, N.M.

In a recent interview, the Berkeley-based composer said he's never approached such a monumental subject.

"To me, the bomb is a watershed event," said Adams. "It's the historical dividing line of the human species on the planet. My greatest worry was that, given the enormity of the subject, I wouldn't be able to do it justice."

Adams may be feeling unduly modest, but his trepidation is easy to understand. The issues raised in "Doctor Atomic" are complex and still controversial, more than 60 years after the actual events took place.

Commissioned by the San Francisco Opera, the new opera features a libretto by longtime Adams collaborator Peter Sellars. The work made its world premiere in a San Francisco Opera production under Sellars' direction Oct. 1 at the War Memorial Opera House; conducted by San Francisco Opera music director Donald Runnicles, it will run for 10 performances, with baritone Gerald Finley in the title role.

Like "Nixon in China" and "The Death of Klinghoffer," "Doctor Atomic" is based on historical fact. In addition to Oppenheimer — who made his mark in Berkeley in the 1920s — the cast includes Edward Teller, the Hungarian physicist often described as "the father of the hydrogen bomb"; Manhattan Project commander Gen. Leslie Groves; and Oppenheimer's wife, Kitty.

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The libretto is drawn from a range of sources, including Oppenheimer's own writings, as well as memoirs, interviews, memos related to the project, declassified government documents, poetry and personal letters.

Adams received the "Doctor Atomic" commission from San Francisco Opera general director Pamela Rosenblyum in 1999. The writing of the opera was a difficult, Adams says. But it was the challenge of transforming the events into a sense of history — that left him with doubts.

"It's the most important theme of my lifetime," he says. "I literally came of age at a time when the world was in a state of something like this and trying to do work of art out of it has been very difficult."

"The novels and the films that came out in the 1950s in the aftermath of war tended to treat it sort of in a sentimental way like 'Last Year in Marienbad' or 'Hiroshima Mon Amour'."

See "DR, ATOMIC," Page C9

## 'Doctor Atomic' makes dazzling debut

By Georgia Rowe  
CORRESPONDENT

It hangs above the singers' heads, suspended over center stage like a hugely malignant ornament in a Christmas pageant for the damned. Big, round, wrapped in a hive of cables and connectors, the atomic bomb is both a chilling reality and our own worst nightmare.

As the central image in "Doctor Atomic," the strange, surreal and unforgettable haunting new opera by composer John Adams and librettist Peter Sellars, the bomb is a potent symbol. At once unspeakably menacing and horrifyingly familiar, it represents the culmination of thousands of years of human development and the potential undoing of life on the planet. And, as staged by Sellars in the work's gripping world premiere production for San Francisco Opera, it's only a matter of time before it explodes.

The production, which opened

### OPERA REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** San Francisco Opera presents the world premiere of "Doctor Atomic"

■ **WHERE:** War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco

■ **WHEN:** Through Oct. 22

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 3 hours

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$25-\$235

■ **CONTACT:** 415-864-3330 or [www.sfoopera.com](http://www.sfoopera.com)

Saturday at the War Memorial Opera House, revisits a dramatic episode in American history: the top-secret Manhattan Project, created by the U.S. government during the waning days of World War II with the goal of building and detonating the first atomic bomb. For this work commissioned by San Francisco Opera, Adams and Sellars have deftly blended his-

torical fact — including declassified government documents — with a wide array of poetry and texts including works by Charles Baudelaire, John Donne, Muriel Rukeyser and the Bhagavad Gita. The result is not so much historical narrative as a feverish mythological dream world, peopled by some of the most famous scientists of the 20th century.

At the center of the story is J. Robert Oppenheimer, the young physicist who shepherded the Manhattan Project to its conclusion on July 15, 1945. The opera begins just as Oppenheimer and his team — working around the clock, under tremendous pressure to win the arms race and end the war — are about to detonate the bomb.

Intense, and intensely arrogant, the chain-smoking Oppenheimer is confident that the \$2 billion test will go as planned.

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A PREOCCUPIED J. Robert Oppenheimer (Gerald Finley), with his difficulty relating to his wife, Kitty (Kristine Japson), as he works on the Manhattan Project reports.

## Mosaic Institute creates something from shards



EILEEN FITZ-FAULKNER stands beside "Oscar," a foam core, wire and concrete sculpture piece that she will cover with mosaic tiles. Fitz-Faulkner took a week-long class on building three-dimensional mosaics at the Institute of Mosaic Art.

■ Resource facility houses the only mosaics retail store in Northern California, and offers instruction as well

By Katrina Martin Davenport  
CORRESPONDENT

It's hard to miss the Institute of Mosaic Art and the True Mosaics Studio in Oakland. The building features bright purple paint and a massive 35-by-20-foot mosaic wall. Located in Jingle-town among warehouses and buildings that have seen better days, the institute is a diamond in the rough.

The conspicuous paint job isn't the only thing that makes the IMA unique. Its founder and director, Laurel True, says she has created the first mosaic institute in the country, housing the only mosaics retail store in Northern California. And if that weren't enough, the workshops offered are taught by some of the biggest names in mosaics. Isaiah Zagar is one of them. True, who has been in the mosaic industry for 16 years, first learned

about mosaics from Zagar. "I first saw Isaiah in Philadelphia, and when he saw my mind explode with million pieces," True says, "I was still putting them back together."

Zagar came out from his grand opening Sept. 10 to teach a mural class and to help create mosaic walls, including the foot wall adorning a section of the institute's outdoor work area.

True brings a wealth of experience to the institute. A mosaic artist, she has worked on African arts and culture projects, and also studied design and textiles. In addition, she volunteered for a project in Ghana at age 18. These experiences informed her work, which mainly focuses on community art projects and private commissions. Artist Donna Billick, a mosaic heavyweight, is thrilled by the opportunity. True's institute creates only established mosaics, but also those who want to explore mosaics.

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Section D

## The 2006 Torrent SUV has enjoyable car-like qualities

BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

Surprisingly, I took an immediate liking to the 2006 Pontiac Torrent. Usually, a sport utility vehicle requires more than a few minutes of adjustment before starting with the climb up into the driver's seat.

The Torrent, however, is as easy to enter and sit in as a sedan. Using six-way seat adjustments on the driver's seat, the tilt-steering wheel, plus a height-adjustable seat, I was able to find comfort with the view of the road. After starting the engine and getting underway, it didn't take long to appreciate how maneuverable and easy the Torrent is to drive. It's a vehicle that has the SUV advantages of hauling cargo, but feels more like a car when driving.

The ride quality is also refined. I'm not testing that it's lush and quiet as an upscale sedan, but the Torrent's independent suspension system makes it glide over road bumps in a manner similar to a sedan. Fact is, this Pontiac became so tantalizing, I began driving it like a performance sedan, but it didn't measure up to that challenge.

Because the ride quality is so impressive, I inquired why it felt so different. I learned that the FE2 Sport suspension package includes shock absorbers and electric power steering, and to provide crisp, responsive handling. I was also told that it has all the latest safety features, including roof-tilt side curtain airbags.

Those are not the only car-like characteristics of this all-new SUV. It's a very maneuverable and easy to maneuver in areas, such as a crowded parking lot. On winding roads, it's very responsive to each turn of the steering wheel.

The Torrent doesn't have a powerful engine as the 3.4-liter V6 engine only produces 185 horsepower, yet it does generate 210 pounds-foot of torque, which provides good acceleration. Nor does it consume as much gas compared to other SUVs, yet there's nothing outstanding in the EPA mileage rating of 19 city and 24 highway. The other financial consid-



THE 2006 TORRENT SUV has SUV advantages of hauling cargo, but feels more like a car when driving.

MOTOR MATTERS

### KEANE ON WHEELS

eration is the price. My tester was \$22,400, plus destination charges. With a load of options it came to \$28,335.

This Torrent had front-wheel drive; for those who want to do some off-roading or who live in the Snow Belt regions, all-wheel drive is available.

After my initial drive I did a walk-around, eyeballing the styling and checking out the rear seats and cargo areas. The hood is comparatively short, which is another reason for the good visibility. Although the Pontiac emblem is on the nose, the styling seems to have a European flavor.

There's a pull-out two-prong cup holder between the front seats, another two-prong cup holder for the three-passenger rear seat. It has a limited number of personal storage areas, plus a couple of slots for maps, but that's about it. An

### PONTIAC TORRENT

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, front-wheel drive sport utility vehicle
Suggested Retail	\$22,400
Price As Tested	\$28,335
Engine Type	V6 OHV 12-valve w/SMPFI
Horsepower	185 @ 5,200 rpm
Torque	210 @ 3,800 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	112 inches
Height	67 inches
Curb Weight	3,660 pounds
Fuel Capacity	16 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 19/24

ashtray holder is on the floor between the two front seats.

The 60/40 rear seats have an 8-inch fold-and-raise travel, which provide either good legroom or extra storage space. The front passenger seat backrest can be lowered flat

for transporting a long object. It also has roof rails for transporting extra cargo.

My tester came with several options including XM Satellite radio. What was unusual was that it seemed to have a surround-sound quality but couldn't I determine the reason,

nevertheless, the seven-speaker system made for enjoyable listening. While on the sound subject, I opened the sunroof and it didn't have the usual annoying air-rush sound. Another sound system is OnStar, which was part of the option package. Another enjoyable sound came from the engine compartment: it just seemed to purr.

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# 1930 Model A Ford needs owner's constant attention

BY VERN PARKER  
MOTOR MATTERS

When Paul Gauthier was in high school, he paid \$35 for his first very used car — a Model A Ford. That car is long gone, but several other Model A Fords have kept Gauthier company in the intervening years. Some of them lingered a while and others quickly came and went.

By the summer of 2004, Gauthier had accumulated three Model A Fords at his home and because he actually turns the wrenches restoring and maintaining his cars, he has established a reputation of being quite knowledgeable about the cars.

He was glad to help when he got a telephone call from a Model A owner seeking information. The caller said that he was moving and had to sell his car. He wanted someone to place a value on his car and was hoping Gauthier could help.

Gauthier agreed to go see the old Ford in Harper's Ferry, W.Va., for an appraisal. He was surprised to learn that the owner, while a college student in 1947, had pur-

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chased the car from the original owner, a Nebraskan farmer. It was a maroon 1930 Deluxe Fordor with black fenders. That model is commonly called a blindback sedan because it lacks rear quarter windows on both sides.

In the following 58 years the car has been to both coasts and several states in between. The car underwent a total restoration in 1991 in West Virginia.

Only 13,710 such models were manufactured in 1930 and each one had a base price of \$650. The 30-wire spokes on each wheel are painted to match the maroon body color. The 2,488-pound sedan rides on a 103.5-inch wheelbase supported by 4.75x5.00x19-inch white sidewall tires.

Records indicate this particular Model A was built in June 1930. When Gauthier discovered the owner had the car his entire adult life, he attempted to convince the man not to sell it. The owner, however, was adamant

about selling his car and Gauthier couldn't think of a better home for the car than his own.

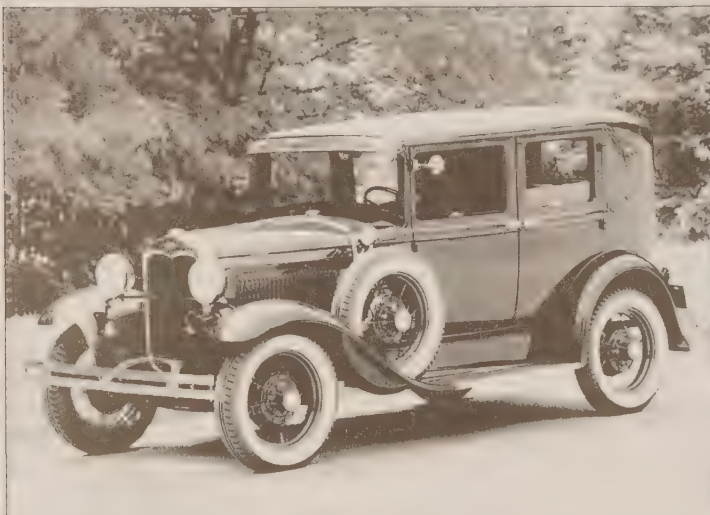
He returned to Harper's Ferry the day after Thanksgiving to collect his prize. The surprised owner asked him where his trailer was. Gauthier answered that the Model A Ford was about to be driven 60 miles to its new home in Fairfax, Va.

Gauthier, seated behind the four-spoke steering wheel, fired up the 200.5-cubic-inch, four-cylinder engine, and listening to the reassuring sound only Model A Ford engines make, drove it home. The 40-horsepower engine performed flawlessly, he says.

"There wasn't much in the way of brakes," Gauthier reports. Once he got the car home, he installed a new water pump and flushed the radiator. Both sides of the engine hood have 22 louvers to assist in heat management.

Gauthier was pleased with the quality of the reupholstered interior. All of the fabric matches the original. All four doors feature a map pocket and the back seat even has

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PAUL GAUTHIER COULDN'T think of a better home for this 1930 Deluxe Fordor than his own.

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# Today's engines are more efficient but still have a down side

BY JUNIOR DAMATO  
MOTOR MATTERS

**Dear Doctor:** Recently, I purchased a 2005 Jeep Liberty Renegade. I noticed while stopped on an incline in drive, that as I take my foot off the brake the Jeep tends to roll back before I can get my foot on the gas pedal. I spoke to the dealer and was told Chrysler changed the transmission from the 2004 model year to a more efficient transmission. Is this true? — Robert

**Dear Robert:** Today's engines are very efficient. Some vehicles, such as your Jeep, will not hold the vehicle on an incline at idle speed in gear when the brake pedal is released. This is a normal condition. Some automatic transmissions will also allow the car to free-wheel when the gas pedal is released. The good part is better gas mileage, the down side is you have to use the brakes.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis with only 41,000 miles. The car is in great condition. My only problem is the transmission seems to chatter when shifting. Is this a major problem? — Larry

**Dear Larry:** I suspect your transmission fluid has broken down over the years. Take the car to a shop that has a transmission flush machine. I recommend using the semi-synthetic multi-purpose automatic transmission fluid. If this fluid is not available in your area, simply add a friction modifier after the transmission fluid is flushed. This should take care of the chatter associated with your transmission.

**Dear Doctor:** With gas prices so high, I am not driving my car as much. Now it will only need the oil changed twice a year. My neighbor said this will be sufficient. What are

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your thoughts? — Glenn

**Dear Glenn:** Less driving does not mean less service. The engine oil should still be changed based on either mileage or time. I recommend frequent oil changes. It's a lot cheaper to change the oil than to change the engine.

**Dear Doctor:** I have been reading your column for a long time and always leased a car. I have decided to purchase a Honda CR-V. I plan on keeping the car 100,000 miles. You have always recommended oil and filter changes at 3,000 to 3,500 miles and spark plugs at 50,000 miles, fuel filters at 24,000 miles and the transmission fluid between 24,000 to 30,000 miles. When is the best time to perform the first oil change? — Mark

**Dear Mark:** Congratulations on not leasing or renting the car. The CR-V should give you years of good service. The first oil change should be done before 3,000 miles. The fuel filter on some newer vehicles is in the fuel tank and the replacement interval can be as long as 100,000 miles. Read the owner's manual for its recommendations.

**Dear Doctor:** I purchased a 2005 Volvo V70 wagon. Shortly after the purchase the passenger airbag light came on, indicating the airbag was deactivated. The dealer performed a recalibration. Again the light came on; this time the dealer called the field representative in. He suggested replacement of the front seat. The problem still exists. They said any passenger movement in the seat will set the airbag light on. How can Volvo advertise safety

when they cannot fix the problem? — Linda

**Dear Linda:** The airbag is very complex. There are sensors including weight sensors. Whoever is sitting in the passenger seat could be on the weight line to either activate or deactivate the airbag. In your case, the person sitting in the passenger seat. Remember the airbag is supplemental. The seat belt is the primary safety device. The dealer to allow you to test one of their demo V70 wagons. The same person in the passenger seat. If the light comes on, you know the person is on the lighter side of the airbag safety circuit. If the light does not come on, the switch in the seat has a differential. I would ask the dealer to again replace the seat's weight sensor.

**Dear Doctor:** For years I always changed the oil in my Toyota V-6 every 8,000 miles. Castrol full synthetic oil. I thought they have a new formula that would allow me to go 10,000 miles between changes. I am an engineer and says the Also, is one brand better than another? There are many synthetic oils on the market. — Earl

**Dear Earl:** You're correct. There are many extended synthetic oils on the market and I sell them still tell all my customers to get the cheapest insurance for their engine. Eight thousand miles most I would advise between change intervals.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MN 55044

# The 2006 Lexus IS: A GS stable mate

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE  
MOTOR MATTERS

The highlight of my introduction to the new Lexus IS wasn't a trip around a closed track at Willow Springs in California. And it wasn't about a beautiful drive on some great roads.

Actually, it was on the way back to our hotel in Pasadena, when we were stopped by one of California's famous CHiPs for crossing a dou-

## DOWN THE ROAD

ble yellow to get into an exit lane.

Fortunately, the officer was more interested in the car than writing a ticket. In fact, after a brief lecture about crossing double yellows, he asked if this was the new IS. He said he was interested in buying one, and would we mind if he took

a picture of it? Who were we not? So, he whipped out his phone, snapped a picture and said, "Have a nice day." Wheel!

That experience underscored in some of the new, interesting the showrooms from When the IS first debuted, it was considered a radical departure from the staid Lexus

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AVERAGE PRICE: \$655

### EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$495,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$640,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$590,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$579,000

### OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 117  
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,681,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$504,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$579,000

### PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$801,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,681,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,120,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,320,000

### RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 61  
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$475,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$480,000

### SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 31  
LOWEST PRICE: \$355,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$900,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$540,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$559,000

### SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$615,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$538,000

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## By the numbers

### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 18  
LOWEST PRICE: \$448,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,180,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$615,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$767,917

### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$610,000

### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST PRICE: \$329,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,275,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$637,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$671,091

### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$645,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$909,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$685,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$732,500

### EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$940,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$555,000

### SAN LEANDRO

1462 138th Av 8 - \$368,000  
1295 143rd Av 5 - \$407,000  
1601 153rd Av - \$480,000  
1454 155th Av - \$528,000  
1040 Adason Dr - \$585,000  
15358 Andover St - \$510,000  
2030 Banff Av - \$580,000  
16081 Cambrian - \$600,000



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styling and performance. And it was with the GS, as well. When the Lexus GS took on a new personality for 2006, it seemed only natural that the IS would follow — and it has. Lexus designers cautiously admit that the first generation didn't quite measure up to their standards for "Lexus experience," so now they've done something about it. The new Lexus IS styling shows a strong family resemblance to its stable mate, the 2006 GS, while showing off its own muscular and sophisticated styling. Both interior space and vehicle dynamics benefit from increases in overall length (3.5 in.), wheelbase (2.4 in.), and rear tread (1.9 in.).

Just as the emphasis for the new GS is on performance, so it is with the IS. Instead of the previous single model, the 2006 IS comes in three distinct models, each determined by its powertrain. The IS 250 and IS 350 are rear-wheel drive models, while all-wheel drive defines the IS 250 AWD. Two brand-new V-6 engines debut in the IS sedans. The 2.5-liter version in the IS 250 uses dual variable valve timing and a new direct-to-cylinder fuel injection system to help deliver 204 horsepower and 185 pounds-foot of torque. The IS 350 features a 3.5-liter version that develops 306 horsepower and 277 pounds-foot of torque. According to Lexus, the IS 350 has a 0-to-60 mph time of 5.6 seconds. The 3.5-liter engine uses both port- and direct-fuel injection to optimize the fuel mixture, particularly in both light- and medium-load conditions. The results, according to Lexus, are precise fuel

burn, higher output, lower emissions and better fuel economy. Both engines use chain-driven camshafts and roller rocker arms for better efficiency. A stainless steel dual-exhaust system reduces back-pressure at high rpm, while a variable valve system in the mufflers helps reduce noise at lower rpm. A new six-speed manual transmission is standard in the IS 250. It's designed to take full advantage of the 2.5's free-revving personality. Gear ratios are nicely matched to engine horsepower and torque characteristics. A new sequential-shift six-speed automatic is available in the IS 250 and is standard in the IS 250 AWD and IS 350. The new front and rear suspension, steering and brake systems unite with standard vehicle stability control in the IS 250. But all of the sophisticated dynamic hardware is managed by a Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Manage-

ment system on the IS 350. Most recently introduced on the 2006 Lexus GS 430 and RX 400h, VDIM is designed to complement the inherently excellent dynamics of the new IS. And it does so in a most transparent, unobtrusive way. VDIM uses an active control strategy that takes its cues from a range of sensors, including steering angle, yaw rate, deceleration, brake pressure, pedal stroke, wheel speed and others. Their signals are used individually by the various traction control systems and collectively by VDIM. These systems include electronic throttle, traction control, ABS, vehicle stability control, electronic brake distribution and more. Some within the Lexus organization say that the IS should have been the first, and the GS second, to benefit from the new design and technology, but we're not quibbling. Both are great.



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The next time you fill up, remember to check your oil.

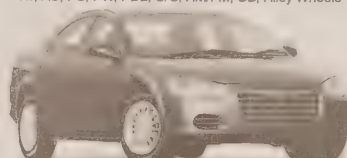
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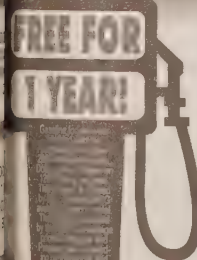
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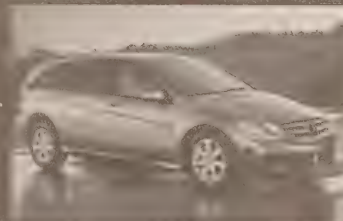
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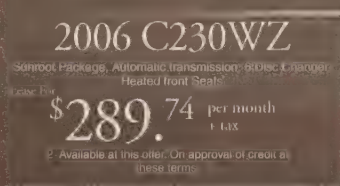
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# Hot Import Daze at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Oct. 8

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PLEASANTON — Hot Import Daze Pleasanton — Saturday, Oct. 8, from noon to 7 p.m. — wraps up the 2005 tour in the west with a bang bringing over 500 highly modified show vehicles. Your average tuner puts their blood, sweat, and tears into their vehicle and Hot Import Daze is the medium to which they display their marvel. Hot Import Nights is a twilight party that happens under the guise of a car show, a place where car enthusiasts can see and be seen.

Hot Import Daze is comprised of all the elements of the HIN show

but during the day for some festive fun under the sun. Going into its ninth year, Vision Entertainment has continued to set the standard for car shows touring nationwide displaying some of the hottest sport compact vehicles, teams, individuals, and companies. Consider this the Super Bowl of the car show industry.

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- Drift exhibition.
- Sportbike stunting.
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■ The hottest teams on the west coast from Southern California all the way up to Seattle all step into Pleasanton to find out who is king. Vendor/sponsors: XM satellite radio, Valvoline, McDonalds, Circuit City, Pepsi, Mazda, Dunlop Tires, Pepsi, Subaru and many more. For more information visit [www.hotimportdaze.com](http://www.hotimportdaze.com).

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ROBERT FRANKLIN

KATHLEEN BRUSH, of Walnut Creek, and her son, Robert Franklin, of Sonoma, will be showing this custom 1999 Honda Civic and 2001 Kawasaki 900 at Hot Import Nights on Oct. 8 at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds.

According to the National Highway Transportation Administration, 25 percent of all cars on the road today have at least one tire whose air pressure is more than eight pounds under factory specification. Underinflated tires can overheat, and are a serious safety hazard. Check the air pressure in your tires at least once a month.

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**Bargains nearing end:** General Motors has notified its dealers that it will end its employee-pricing program on Sept. 30 and, in effect, try to raise prices under a new pricing strategy. The prices generally will be higher than the employee prices being advertised. Some industry analysts say it will be difficult for GM to wean consumers off employee pricing. (Source: Wall Street Journal)

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# Tiny cars and hybrids are winning new fans

BY BRENT HOPKINS  
DAILY NEWS

In the land of \$3-a-gallon gasoline, the Samurai warriors roll with pride.

Car buffs used to drool over such stats as horsepower, torque and top speed, but there's a new status symbol in the motoring world: miles per gallon.

Because automobiles live on petroleum-based products — gasoline powers their engines, oil keeps them running and is used to manufacture their belts and gaskets — the price of putting just about everything into a car gets incrementally more expensive when oil prices crest at \$60 a barrel.

Faced with those hikes, one of the few costs that drivers can contain is the amount of gasoline they consume. In a car town like Los Angeles, ditching your ride's not an option for most, so motorists can either drive less or find a new way to get around.

For Julie Casey, who was driving 250 miles a week for her job as a benefits specialist for Los Angeles County employees, her Ford F-150 pickup truck had to go to the garage. She dropped \$1,500 on a tiny Suzuki Samurai, buying into an oddly chic new clique.

"I feel like I'm in high school," she said, eyeing the 18-year-old miniature sport utility vehicle.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that I'd drive a car like that, but six of my friends have them. It's the gas."

The La Crescenta resident was spending \$100 a week to fuel up her Ford, a bill that should drop to \$30 with the Samurai's 27-29 mpg fuel efficiency.

Her pals used to roar around in their massive off-road trucks, guzzling gasoline with their muscular V-8s and fat tires, but most have now switched to the minuscule Suzukis, sandwiching their big frames between its little steering wheel and bucket seat.

"I've got a big truck, but I can't afford to drive it," said Alberto Tejera,

an Echo Park mechanic who parked his Dodge 2500 in favor of the little sport utility vehicle. "With this, I put in \$10 today and I got half a tank!"

Thoughts like that have pushed large SUV sales down this year, and Vespa of California's Sherman Oaks branch reports sales for its 65 mpg scooters have increased 25 percent in the past several months. Hybrid cars have attained rock-star status, with their high fuel-economy rating outweighing their high prices.

"Many families in the state still have a minivan or an SUV in the garage, but they're buying more fuel-efficient cars for commutes or quick errands," said Marcella Rojas, a spokeswoman for the California Mo-

tor Car Dealers Association.

Toyota's sleek Prius is chief on that list, Rojas said, along with hybrid versions of Honda's Civic and Accord, Ford's Escape and the Lexus RX-400h.

Consumers will have even more choices for the gasoline-and-electric-drive vehicles in coming years, with Ford's recent pledge that half of its nameplates will be available in hybrid form by 2010. Though still a small sliver of the overall auto market, hybrids and more fuel-efficient driving habits have indeed altered the overall consumption of gasoline.

Demand for gasoline has been flat this year, according to the American Petroleum Institute, a sharp contrast to recent years when lower prices let drivers top off their inefficient rides without a care.

In past spikes at the pump, dri-

vers kept filling up without demand, but Rayola Douglass, trade group's manager of market issues, said this year's automatic run-ups in price shocked them into cutting back their gasoline consumption.

"People did respond to this time," she said. "It's been dramatic for people to see gasoline. They really change the way they drive — or don't."

That's why Patrick Buryan, a Glendale financial planner, himself in the Samurai cause, used to think nothing of gas and heading for the desert road joy rides. Now, he's proudly — and efficiently — truck few would mistake for

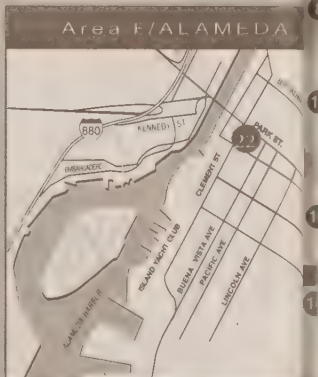
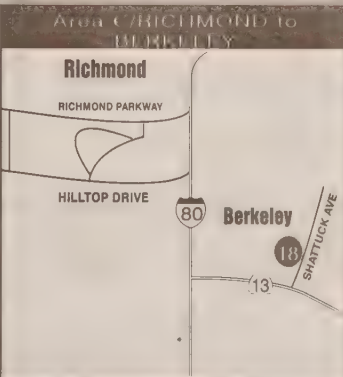
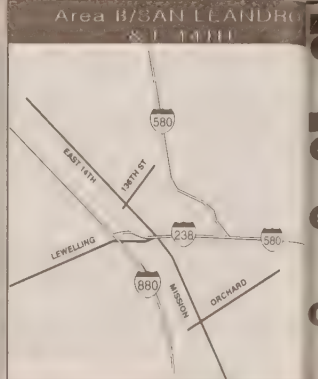
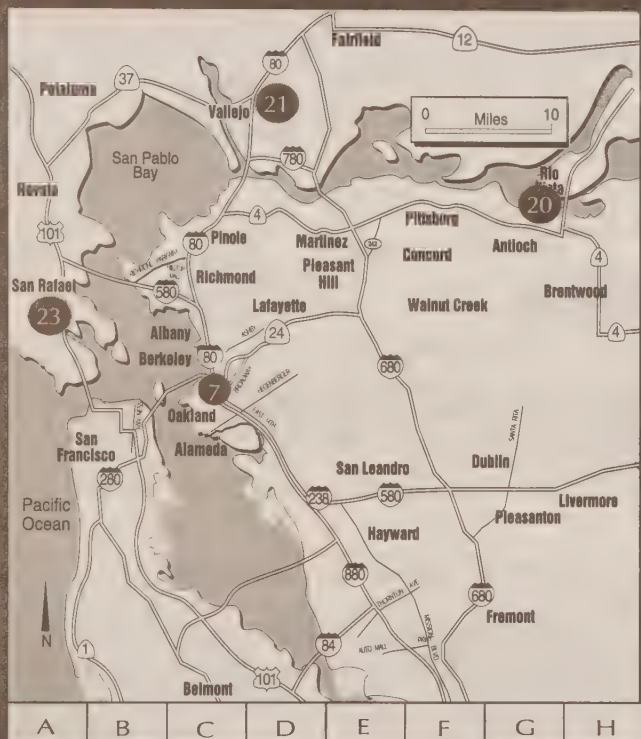
"It's totally changed me," he said, reflecting on the the pump. "It's so high, it limits what you can do."

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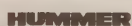
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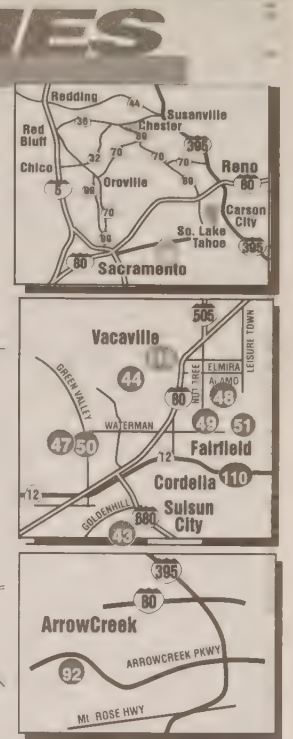
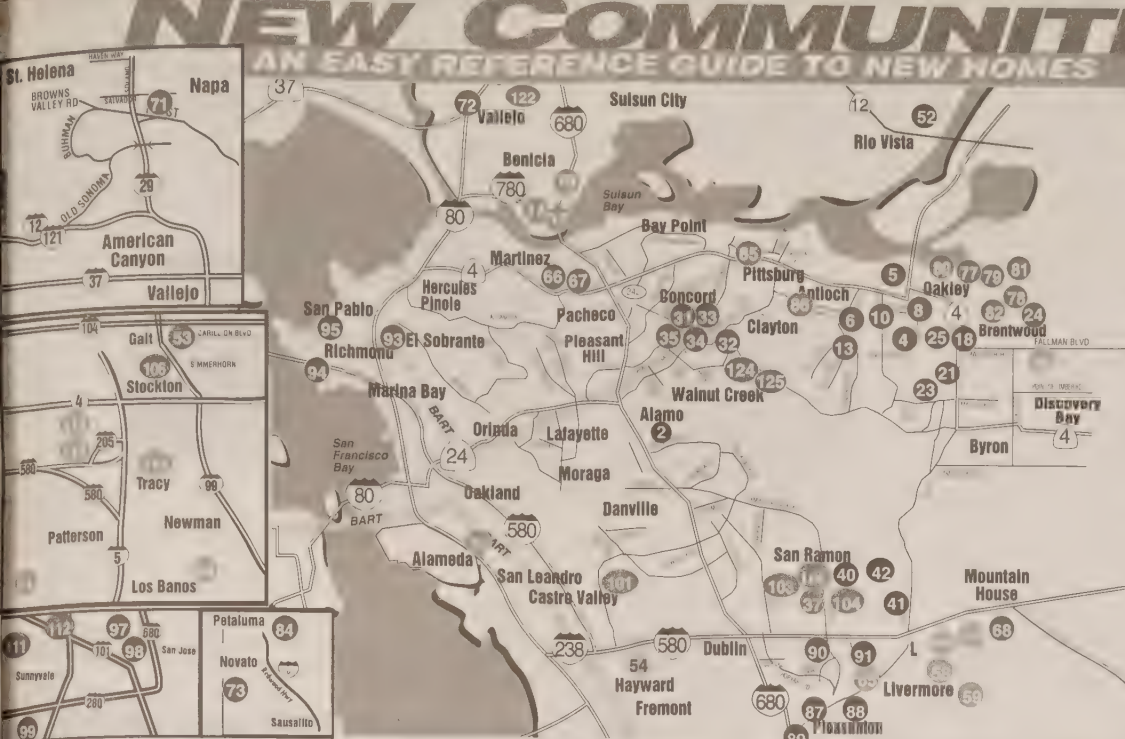
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# The 2006 Hyundai Azera is a luxury car at a bargain price

BY MICHELLE KREBS  
MOTOR MATTERS

## SHE'S FREEWHEELING

In a few weeks, a South Korean automaker will go to market with its first legitimate entry-luxury car. It's a car worthy of notice by consumers and other auto companies.

The Azera is being launched as a 2006 model in the fourth quarter of this year. Hyundai plans to employ the same successful formula with the Azera that it used on small and midsize cars and sport utilities: pack it with features and safety equipment, offer a bargain price thousands less than the competition and throw in an extra-long warranty.

Hyundai has been down this road before. The Azera replaces the XG model, first introduced in the 2001 model year as the XG300, which with a power boost, later became the XG350, which was a dud. Hyundai sold only 17,000 XG350 models last year in the U.S.; it hopes to sell 50,000 Azeras in the coming years.

The Azera is light years ahead of the XG 350. It features graceful exterior lines for an elegant look. Lighting is high-tech LEDs.

Robert F. Cosmal, president and CEO of Hyundai Motor America, said the "sleek and modern" lines of the Azera will become signature design cues for the entire brand. The Azera, he said, "captures the essence of the new generation" of Hyundai models.

Its interior appears to be finely crafted with leather upholstery and wood grain and metal-look trim. The Azera rides on a completely new architecture that is wider and longer in both overall length and wheelbase for a roomier interior than the XG350.

Hyundai boasts it has more interior room than the BMW 760i and Mercedes-Benz S-Class. In fact, it is a stretched version of the new Sonata platform, in the vein that Toyota's Avalon and Camry share architectures.

"It's a recipe that's been used before, but success is important because it builds our credibility as a brand that goes up against Honda and Toyota and does well," said John Krafcik, vice president of product development and strategic planning at Hyundai Motor America.

Under the hood, it is powered by a 3.8-liter V6 engine rated at 265 horsepower — less than the Avalon but more than the Ford Five Hundred and Buick Lacrosse. The engine is paired with a modern five-speed auto-

matic transmission, as with the Avalon and Five Hundred, with a manual shift feature. It is loaded with standard safety features including front seat anti-whiplash head restraints, stability control, and front- and second-row side-impact airbags, as well as side curtain airbags.

As with every vehicle Hyundai sells in the U.S., every 2006 Azera comes equipped with Hyundai's long warranty that includes limited bumper-to-bumper coverage for five years or 60,000 miles. Azera buyers also receive 24-hour roadside assistance coverage at no extra charge for five years. That service includes emergency towing, lockout service and limited coverage for trip-interruption expenses.

Hyundai says it will first target its current owner base, mostly Sonata owners interested in moving up-market. They will be offered discounts on the Azera in the form of owner loyalty coupons. Then Hyundai will expand to conquest sales of mostly Accord and Camry owners.

"Azera will draw from two different potential shopping lists: the folks who are Accord V6 and Camry V6 intenders. Those are \$25,000-plus cars. Azera is going to start under \$25,000 with cloth seats," said Krafcik. "The Azera Limited will start at \$27,000 and go head-to-head with Avalon and Maxima. We expect some level of cross-shopping with the (Buick) Lacrosse and Ford Five Hundred as well."

If the product and the marketing launch are executed flawlessly, the Azera will mark the next major turning point for Hyundai, much as the Santa Fe did before it.

And competitors — Ford, Buick, Toyota, Honda and Nissan — better take notice. So too should Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

Clearly, Hyundai is moving up-market and is expanding the breadth of its portfolio in its efforts to sell 1 million vehicles by decade's end (it sold just more than 400,000 last year).

Already Hyundai has announced it will build a seven-passenger SUV and a six-passenger crossover. Hyundai also is considering building pickup trucks. The South Korean automaker is on the move and a force to be reckoned with.



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THE AZERA'S INTERIOR has leather upholstery and wood grain and metal-look trim.

# Dodge Charger R/T versus Ford Mustang GT

BY MATT NAUMAN  
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

There it was on the cover of Motor Trend: a Dodge Charger R/T getting chased around San Francisco by a Ford Mustang GT, just like in Steve McQueen's classic "Bullitt."

But this is 2005, not 1968. Both Charger and Mustang are back in a big way.

The Charger, first sold in 1966, returned in May as a 2006 model. The new one carries four doors, instead of two, but does come with a powerful Hemi V8. Dodge dealers sold about 17,000 of them over the summer.

The Mustang, first sold in 1964 and on sale ever since, arrived in redesigned form in fall 2004 as a 2005 model. In the first eight months of this year, Ford dealers have sold an astounding 117,000 of them — up 33 percent from January to August 2004.

At first glance, the reborn Mustang and Charger share much.

Besides being classic names from the muscle-car era, they are rear-wheel-drive cars with (available) big V8 engines.

But, unlike in the '60s and '70s when they drove around the same block, the new versions of Mustang and Charger travel in different directions.

The Mustang remains a two-door — either a coupe or a convertible — that's aimed at young or young-in-spirit buyers. It's certainly not a good choice for families, or those looking for a sophisticated driving experience.

It is, no doubt, a very cool ride. The Charger has now become a family sedan. A cooler-than-normal one, certainly, but a take-the-kids-to-soccer machine without question. It can be mild — with a V-6 engine — or semiwild with the Hemi V8.

Casting aside the merits of the argument that adding a second set of doors to something called Charger is dubious, the V8 R/T with an automatic transmission offers a first-rate experience for commuters or highway travelers, with roomy seats for five, a big trunk and contemporary technology.

(On Motor Trend's Web site, readers could vote on which car they would prefer to race through the streets of San Francisco. Mustang won easily, 63 percent to 36 percent, but I'm not sure if that's a

comment on the two new cars, on the loyalty of Mustang owners or on the continuing cool of Steve McQueen.)

Here's a deeper look at the Charger and the Mustang, and a few final thoughts on these 21st-century muscle cars.

## Dodge Charger R/T

The Charger SE and SXT models come with a 250-horsepower, 3.5-liter V6. A five-speed automatic is the only transmission available. Fuel economy is 19 mpg in the city and 27 mpg on the highway. Midgrade unleaded (89 octane) is recommended, although Dodge says 87-octane regular is acceptable. Prices start at \$22,995 for the base SE, and \$25,995 for the SXT model that adds aluminum wheels, a power driver's seat, fog lamps and more.

But the boss Charger — until some planned special editions arrive — is the R/T. From a starting point of \$29,995, the Charger R/T comes with a 340-horsepower, 5.7-liter Hemi V8. It includes Chrysler's Multiple Displacement System (MDS) technology that cuts off half the engine — four cylinders — in 40 milliseconds when they're not needed. You can't feel it on the road, but it boosts fuel economy by 20 percent.

The Charger R/T is rated at 17 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway. Again, midgrade unleaded is recommended, but regular is acceptable.

The rear-wheel-drive Charger shares much with two vehicles that preceded it to market, the Chrysler 300 sedan and the Dodge Magnum wagon. All three are built at the same Canadian factory, where they use the same chassis and some mechanical components.

The exterior design of the new Charger shares its high shoulder line with those two models. It's a tall, long car that qualifies as a large car using EPA measurements.

The car's front end is especially well-done, with its crossbar grille in chrome and black paint, and snake-eye headlamp clusters. The rear end, with its integrated deck-lid spoiler, is a bit pedestrian, especially for an R/T version. The dual exhaust tips are a bit hard to see, too.

Our test model was painted a shade of maroon called Inferno red.

That paint choice costs drivers an extra \$225.

Door handles are flush with the door and a bit too small for easy

use. On the inside, the Charger R/T is less than inspired. Our test model had a two-tone interior color scheme of black (on top) and gray (on bottom). Gauges had white faces and brushed metal surrounds.

I'm not sure if the flatness of the dashboard was a retro touch or an exercise in expediency.

The seats, leather-covered suede inserts, were top-notch.

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THE MUSTANG GT, top, takes on the Charger R/T, bottom.



# Mustang

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able, with plenty of support for aggressive driving. In back, there's a great leg and head room. The adults could fit in back, and the kids would feel as if they were riding in the first class. Back-seat passengers get cupholders, lights and air vents.

The Hemi V8 is a wonderful engine, providing instant and long-term power. The temptation is to use this car too fast, and it's easy to do. The five-speed automatic is a good choice. The AutoStick that allows for a bit of clutchless shifting is a good choice here.

The goal of modern automaking is to kill every noise — road, wind, engine. Here, the roar of the engine is a bit muffled by the intake, but during hard acceleration.

## Mustang GT

In salsa, the Mustang comes with various levels of heat. The base has a 210-horsepower, 4.6-liter V8. Buyers can choose from a hardtop or convertible version. Manual or automatic transmissions are available. Prices range from \$19,215 to \$24,815.

The hottest Mustang, though, is the GT. It comes with a 300-horsepower, 4.6-liter all-aluminum V8. A five-speed manual is standard, but a four-speed automatic is available. The GT is the same as the Charger R/T, with 17 mpg (city) and 25 mpg (highway).

Prices range from \$25,815 to \$30,815. Compared with the previous-generation Mustang, this rear-drive

car is longer. It's built on a new chassis, and suspension improvements make for a better ride.

The design of the new Mustang is instantly recognizable, and instantly likable. It closely resembles a late '60s Mustang with all sorts of retro cues, including its galloping pony emblems, its tiny second-row windows, its side scoops and exaggerated wheel wells, and its overall silhouette.

The blast-from-the-past milieu continues on the inside, where the black-and-red color scheme complemented the car's torch red clearcoat paint. Deeply recessed gauges, a three-spoke steering wheel and just the right mix of chrome and brushed metal complete the picture.

The front seats were OK, but didn't have enough bolstering for those who drive a bit enthusiastically. In back, there's just not enough leg or head room for most adults. Plus, there's nothing here — no cupholders, no lights, no storage slots or bins — to make your second and third best friends feel welcome.

On the road, this 4.6-liter V8 is loud, raucous and continuously enjoyable. Unlike the engineers who put together the Charger R/T, the folks behind the Mustang GT know that the sound of an engine is a big part of driving enjoyment. Here, you can hear the chugga-chugga rumble of the V8 all the time.

The five-speed shifter was neither smooth nor harsh. It required just about the right amount of work to match the car's personality.

Charger R/T vs. Mustang GT makes for a good headline, and if it encourages you to go rent "Bullitt" then that's good, too.

# Mitsubishi Raider is a dressed-up Dodge Dakota

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III  
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

Mitsubishi's U.S. dealers finally have a pickup they can sell.

The 2006 Raider, the first pickup in Mitsubishi's lineup in several years, since the company discontinued its compact truck line that was popular in Japan, has just gone on sale. The pickup was dropped because the United States has a 25 percent import duty on light trucks, which makes it almost financially impossible for a foreign automaker to sell pickups here unless it also imports them here. The duty doesn't apply in that case.

Though the Raider is built in America, it's not really a Mitsubishi.

The rebadged Dodge Dakota, designed for Mitsubishi in an agreement similar to that of Ford's Japan's Mazda, with Mazda selling a rebadged Ford Ranger as their B-series pickup, General Motors and Japan's Isuzu, with Isuzu dealers selling a rebadged Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon.

Though Mitsubishi has a U.S. plant in Normal, Ill., that facility is used for cars, including the new 2006 Mitsubishi Eclipse that went on sale last summer.

Mitsubishi doesn't have the capacity to build pickups, and anyway, Dodge has the very capable Dakota, which was completely redesigned two years ago. It's cheaper for Mitsubishi to pay DaimlerChrysler to build pickups with Mitsubishi technology than for the Japanese automaker to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to design its own pickup for a North American factory to build them.

For those of us who have always loved the little compact pickups from Japan, such as the Datsun/Nissan pickup models that began arriving in the U.S. in the late '60s, the idea of a Japanese automaker embracing an American-designed truck and selling it with a new brand name on it is rather foreign.

It's because those little Japanese trucks offered something that the U.S. automakers couldn't — small trucks that were economical to buy and operate and which would run almost anywhere. Quality has always been one of the biggest draws of the Japanese trucks in comparison to U.S. brands.

Through the U.S. Big Three — Ford and Chrysler — have always been pretty adept at building pickups, they were slow to build good compact trucks, and they sold Japanese-built pickups, such as Ford, Chevrolet and Isuzu vehicles for a while. Among them was the little Chevy LUV of the early '70s, as well as the Isuzu Courier.

Chrysler has sold Mitsubishi pickups rebadged as Dodge vehicles, but the response to that is fair play. The idea of a Dodge pickup rebadged as a Mitsubishi is a bit odd.

Who would buy such a thing? Only a good portion of the buyers are consumers who think buying a Japanese pickup, even if it's rebadged, is a good idea. They probably wouldn't buy one of the Dodge, Chevy, GMC or Isuzu.

It surprises me how many people don't know exactly what they're buying. Some people are misled to hear that Mazda pickups are really Fords, and that vehicles such as the previous-generation

Nissan Quest minivan, for example, was a virtual clone of the Mercury Villager, assembled by Ford in Ohio, but carrying Nissan engines, transmissions and body panels from plants in Tennessee.

DaimlerChrysler sells two midsize coupes, the Dodge Stratus and Chrysler Sebring, that are built by Mitsubishi. In the case of the Raider, however, the truck is all Dodge. Mitsubishi supplies virtually nothing for the vehicle.

With a base price of \$19,825 including freight — close to the \$20,019 starting price of a similarly equipped Dakota — Mitsubishi offers the entry-level Raider LS extended-cab model with two-wheel drive, five-speed manual transmission, and a 3.7-liter V6 engine.

This is the same engine used in base models of the Dakota, Dodge Durango SUV, and Jeep Liberty and Grand Cherokee SUVs. In the Raider, it's rated at 210 horsepower and 235 foot-pounds of torque.

Two other trim levels are offered: the midlevel DuroCross and the up-level XLS. The DuroCross two-wheel drive, extended-cab model with automatic transmission and a 4.7-liter V8 engine is priced at \$26,085 before options, while the up-level XLS crew-cab four-door with 4.7-liter V8 and automatic is priced at \$31,320.

Options are limited. Mitsubishi says an audio package that includes a 508-watt premium system with AM/FM/six-disc CD with MP3, nine speakers and Sirius satellite radio costs \$1,845, including six months of satellite service (normally \$13 a month). For XLS models, leather seats and side-curtain air bags are available.

All three trim levels are offered in extended- and crew-cab versions, with the crew cab the roomiest, with four regular doors. All also are available with four-wheel drive and a choice of manual or automatic transmission.

Though these trucks are completely Dodge underneath, Mitsubishi was able to tweak the exterior a bit to give them some styling cues from other Mitsubishi products, the company said.

Of the midsize brands on the market, the Raider and the Dakota are the only ones to offer a V8 engine. It gives the Raider 230 horsepower and 290 foot-pounds of torque, which allows for a towing capacity of 6,500 pounds.

And its 40-cubic-foot cargo bed can hold up to 1,700 pounds, giving the Raider and Dakota the largest payload among midsize pickups.

Ford/Mazda midsize models have no engines larger than six cylinders, as do the Nissan Frontier and Toyota Tacoma. The GMC/Chevy/Isuzu models have a five-cylinder for their largest engine.

Because the truck it's based on is about the same size as most other automakers' full-size pickups, the Raider has a very roomy interior, and Mitsubishi claims class-leading rear leg room.

The DuroCross trim apparently is similar in concept to the Tacoma Pre-Runner. The DuroCross has a more rugged appearance like the Pre-Runner, and includes a skid-plate bumper, fog lights, black fender flares, side steps, bed liner, 17-inch wheels with off-road tires, and sliding rear window.

The Raider comes with Mitsubishi's five-year, 60,000-mile bumper-to-bumper warranty with free roadside assistance throughout the warranty period.

## SPARE PARTS

### Big seller

The 2005 Jetta, Volkswagen's best-selling car, is now in its fifth generation. This compact sedan, that gives its German ancestors good reason to be proud, sports a new design. The length has increased 7 inches and is nearly 3 inches longer in the wheelbase. With a base price of \$20,390 the 5.0-liter five-cylinder engine generates a 150-horsepower and provides an EPA mileage rating of 22 city, 30 highway. The innovative safety chassis allows for high-quality comfort and driving dynamics.

### Woo woo

General Motors invited women only — and their girlfriends, daughters and moms — to get behind the wheels of Hummers, Saabs and Saturns at a special

marketing event. It is the latest attempt by the automaker to woo a key group of consumers, and, over time, jump-start sales. This sales pitch is based on the fact that women influence 85 percent of all auto purchases. (Source: The Detroit News)

### Free gas

Mitsubishi Motors Corp. is offering one year's worth of gaso-

line as a new incentive program to boost sales. Under the program that runs through the end of October, all buyers of new 2005 model-year vehicles will receive pre-paid debit cards, worth between \$1,500 to \$2,500, that can be used for gasoline at most retail locations. The amount of the debit cards will be based on the estimated gas required to drive the new vehicle for 12,000 miles.



THE 2005 JETTA'S LENGTH has increased 7 inches and is nearly 3 inches longer in the wheelbase.

# Toddlercoddler provides unprecedented neck and head support for children in the car

ORCA COMMUNICATIONS UNLIMITED LLC  
POTOMOC FALLS, Va. — The acclaimed ToddlerCoddler is receiving widespread raves and recommendations for the neck and head support it provides children. Parents can finally feel confident about their little ones, falling asleep in the car seat or stroller and not 'slumping over.'

ToddlerCoddler earns recommendation by the American Chiropractic Association for car seat support.

The product is so important, it is now recommended by the American Chiropractic Association.

"When the head of the baby slumps over toward the shoulder, it stretches the nerves and the spinal cord on the opposite side from where the ear is closest to the shoulder," says Dr. Daniel Aviv, New Jersey Chiropractor.

"The posture of the child is then compromised over time, allowing them to grow up with 'self-induced' spinal problems. The ToddlerCoddler helps avoid these potential spinal problems by keeping the babies held upright."

ToddlerCoddler is great for cars, planes, buses — even strollers and joggers! Its patented design is recommended by chiropractors for healthy spinal alignment. ToddlerCoddler does not attach to your child's seat, so it does not interfere with the function or safety of the car seat's harness or seatbelt.

ToddlerCoddler was invented by mother-of-two, Susan Dunk. When she couldn't find a product on the market to safely and adequately provide her kids comfort in the car, she turned desperation into inspiration and thought up the



PARENTS CAN FINALLY feel confident about their little ones, falling asleep in the car seat or stroller and not 'slumping over.'

ToddlerCoddler. Dunk took a sewing lesson, bought a sewing machine and after several designs, settled on the non-popular ToddlerCoddler.

"ToddlerCoddler has fulfilled a need on the market," says Dunk. "The product has been extremely

well received by parents who, like me, were searching for a solution to the frustrating slump problem in the car."

The Dunk Group LLC, makers of the ToddlerCoddler, has since expanded the ToddlerCoddler line to include CoddlerCovers, which

make clean-up a breeze.

They also "jazz up" the look of the product with such patterns as Pink Pizzazz, Lovely Lavender and Stylin' Plaid.

A new version of the ToddlerCoddler for older children is also in the works.

# Next best thing to an SUV . . . and a whole lot cheaper

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III  
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Good fuel economy, enough room for five people, a nice-sized cargo area and an affordable price?

It's not an SUV, though — it's perhaps the next-best thing: the 2006 Suzuki Forenza wagon.

It's one of a whole new crop of small wagons on the market that are giving consumers an alternative even to compact SUVs such as the Ford Escape and Chevy Equinox, both of whose fuel economy with their V6 engines isn't much better than that of midsize sport utilities.

The Forenza is more than just an economical family hauler to purchase, with a starting price under \$15,000; it's also a lot cheaper to operate than most SUVs.

EPA fuel-economy ratings are 22 miles per gallon in the city and 30 mpg on the highway for versions with manual transmission. Even models with the optional four-speed automatic get 21 mpg in town and 30 on the highway, far

better than the numbers for most SUVs.

Last year, Japanese automaker Suzuki became the latest to enter this burgeoning market segment, with a wagon version of the compact Forenza sedan.

Suzuki is known mostly for its small SUVs, having entered the U.S. market in

1986 with just one product — the Samurai, a subcompact sport utility that was almost a miniature Jeep Wrangler.

Since then, though, Suzuki has brought a line of successful SUVs to the United States, including some it sold under its own brand name, and others sold as Geo and Chevrolet models at U.S. Chevy dealerships. Those included the Suzuki Sidekick and Geo/Chevrolet Tracker, then later the very nice Suzuki Vitara (great vehicle, dumb name), also sold as the Chevy Tracker.

One of the most successful, the V6 Grand Vitara, was never shared with Chevrolet, nor was its seven-passenger derivative, the XL-7, which is Suzuki's best-selling SUV

at the moment and arguably one of the best sport utility values on the market.

In 2004, Suzuki added two sedans based on designs that partner General

Motors obtained when it bought South Korean automaker Daewoo out of bankruptcy.

Those were the Suzuki Forenza compact and Verona midsize sedans, which are built at former Daewoo factories in South Korea.

Then, for 2005, two more vehicles joined the lineup — the Forenza wagon and the compact Reno hatchback, both of which are based on the design of the Forenza sedan, itself derived from the former Daewoo Nubira. The Forenza and its derivatives have been re-sculpted from their Daewoo days, however, with refreshing European styling from the renowned Pininfarina design studio. The Forenza wagon is intended for those in need of an economical vehicle that suits growing young families, particularly those who can't afford even the compact SUVs that are aimed

at them.

With 2006 prices beginning as low as \$14,399 (plus \$580 freight), the wagon is a good alternative to entry-level SUVs that begin in the upper teens and low \$20,000s.

Powering the wagon is the same 2.0-liter, dual-overhead-camshaft inline four-cylinder engine found in the Forenza sedan. It's rated at 127 horsepower and 131 foot-pounds of torque.

No optional higher-powered engine is available at this time, but one probably will come along later. This engine might be a bit anemic for those who live in mountainous areas, but it should be adequate for most people's needs, particularly here in Texas. Yes, this car is inexpensive, but it's not a cheap vehicle; it has the looks and feel of a premium small car, about what you'd expect from an entry-level Volvo, for instance. The idea was to blend "SUV" like cargo capacity with the appeal of a premium sedan," according to a Suzuki news release.







# Now we're talkin' with Buell's Ulysses' XB12X

BY ARV VOSS

MOTOR MATTERS

As a division of Harley-Davidson, Buell motorcycles haven't exactly been soaring off the top of sales charts. Buell seems to be almost an orphaned brand, sitting somewhere between sport bikes in the traditional sense and the popular Harley-Davidson line. That may be about to change in a big way. The hot news in the 2-wheeled world is Buell's latest creation — the Ulysses XB12X. The Buell Ulysses is an all-new Adventure Sportbike, designed for both on- and off-pavement excursions, joining the total Buell lineup to 12 models. The Ulysses XB12X is not simply revamped Buell, but represents a totally new direction in riding for the brand. This is a bike that will appeal to riders who have never before given Buell the slightest thought. The Ulysses is new in every way — it still uses the Buell Thun-

components fore and aft, with easy rear preload adjustment, and 43 mm inverted forks forward, providing 6.5 inches of travel.

The Ulysses weighs in at 425 pounds dry. Fuel capacity is 4.4 gallons inside the aluminum frame, while 2.5 quarts of oil reside in the swingarm. The primary chain drive finishes off with a right side final self-adjusting belt drive. The bike is tall, with a seat height of 33.1 inches, which for vertically challenged riders will mean sliding one cheek off to touch down at a stop — similar to dragging a knee at the track. The seat is a long, firm but comfortable unit with space for two-up and locking storage under. The passenger benefits from a unique and innovative, triple position "Beaver Tail" which may be adjusted to serve as a backrest. The three-position affair mounts in an aluminum bracket that also features molded hand grips, and pivots fully forward, or fully back providing a package shelf, with bungee attachment points thoughtfully placed beneath the rear fender.

Rolling on the throttle generates a rapid express experience on the road with smooth, quiet gear changes. Off-road is another matter due to the bike's weight and superlative low-end torque, which can result in twitchy acceleration, especially when standing on the pegs over rough terrain — the clutch comes in handy here, as its lever effort has been reduced by 22 percent.

transform OHV 1203cc fuel-injected V-twin motor for its power, the mounting method is improved, and there are more innovations and attention to details on a bike than one can imagine.

Peak horsepower is 103 at 6,000 rpm, while torque is rated at 84 foot-pounds at 6,800 rpm. Cooling is accomplished by a combination of oil and a fan.

Buell's interactive with a tri-pass pressure chamber is tuned for improved throttle response and a wider power band. Estimated fuel economy: 50 mpg city, 65 mpg highway.

I put things into the proper perspective, I'm a dyed-in-the-cruiser type. I ride sport bikes to review and I've ridden dirt bikes in my distant past, but I've always favored heavy cruising or touring bikes — up until now. The Buell is a bike that I would consider owning in a heartbeat.

The XB12X features a wheelbase that is now 2 inches longer (57"), a stiffer swingarm, 22-degree fork rake and wide handlebars in a motocross-style crossbar. There's also a new five-speed final-gear transmission for smoother, quieter operation and extended service intervals. An engine air intake vent is integrated into the fuel filler cap cowl, and there's a left side vent to cool the cylinder.

The Ulysses rides on 17-inch, dual-spoke cast aluminum wheels with a durable rim design, and with specific, specially designed aggressive tread-pattern tires by Dunlop — 120/70 R17 up front and 180/55 R17 in the rear. Buell provides the suspension

Other slick, useful features and equipment include: a helmet lock, tool kit, two-piece windscreen with a quick release mounting system for easy removal, and two 10-amp/12-volt accessory power outlets — one in the dash, the other placed under the seat — a bright LED taillamp for improved visibility and dual fender setups front and rear.

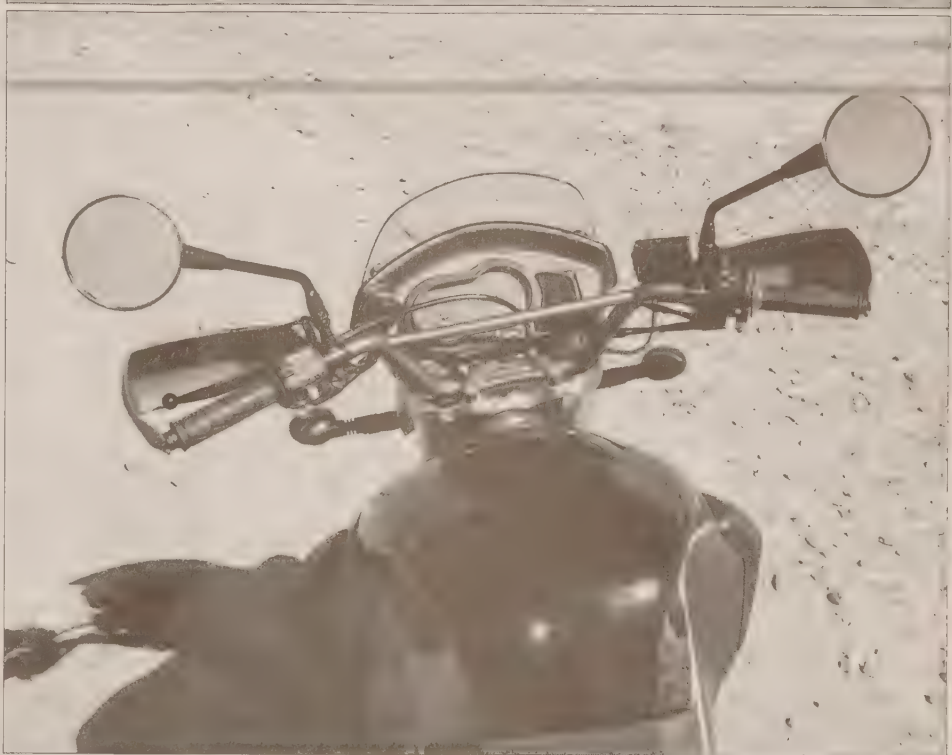
My test Buell Ulysses XB12X was provided by Thom McIlhannan's Harley-Davidson/Buell of Vallejo, Inc., and was finished in Midnight Black. One other color is available — Baricade Orange, which would be my personal choice.

The base price was set at \$11,495. My test bike was fitted with optional locking and removable hard side bags and top case, which with handling charges elevated the final tag to \$13,189.95. It's possible to buy only the side bags, while the top case isn't sold individually.

The Buell Ulysses XB12X is more of a blast than Buell's entry level Blast model, but then it's more than twice the price. The Ulysses provides a comfortable, upright riding position, with very little buffeting at speed, thanks to a gap between the flyscreen and windscreen.

The Adventure Sportbike is extremely smooth and well-balanced, inspiring confidence that could exceed one's riding ability.

The Buell Ulysses carves curves with aplomb, and should you happen to go beyond your limits winding up horizontal, the bike is likely to come out of the incident virtually unscathed — there are grip and control guards, fork guards, airbox guards, wire headlamp guards, pliable directional signals fore and aft and folding foot-pegs



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Braking is positive and instantaneous with the large perimeter front rotor.

The steering is somewhat limited lock to lock, really only affecting slow speed maneuvering in tight spots.

The Buell Ulysses should mark a positive turn in Buell's development and overall appeal. It does everything that it's supposed to do, and does it well. For real adventurers, a GPS unit will become available soon — now we're talkin'.

## There's change in the air: Engine ratings get a new equalizer

BY KEVIN CAMERON

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Proud new owners were once greeted with a universal request: some measure of their car's performance.

"What'll she do?" curious neighbors would ask.

Growing highways and police patrol guns, built into engine computers, discourage today's drivers from exploring their cars' limits. Instead, buyers try to gauge performance by comparing horsepower ratings — usually without realizing that the numbers have become less comparable. A recent change in the procedure for measuring horsepower leveling the field, and causing horsepower figures of some cars to be revised. The rating of Toyota Camry's 3-liter V6 shrank nearly 10 percent to 190 horsepower, from 210 — though the engine's specifications and the car's performance remained unchanged.

The power ratings of other cars came in higher than expected: Cadillac originally estimated the output of the supercharged V8 in the 2006 STS-V sedan would be 440 horsepower, but testing to the new standard produced a rating of 469. The idea of horsepower came from James Watt, the 18th-century inventor who developed the unit

of measure as a promotional device to equate the work that could be done by his improved steam engines with the number of horses they could replace.

The concept of horsepower is based on a force moving through a distance in a given period of time. Watt decided to define one horsepower as the ability to lift a load of 550 pounds at the rate of one foot every second.

Horsepower is measured by connecting the test engine to a dynamometer, a machine designed to exert a steady, controlled resistance to the engine's spinning crankshaft. Horsepower is computed from the measured twisting force of the engine — its torque — and its rotational speed in revolutions per minute.

The power of European autos is sometimes given in kilowatts; 100 of James Watt's horsepower are equivalent to about 75 kilowatts.

From an automaker's point of view, the bigger the horsepower number, the more attractive the car will be to performance-conscious shoppers. In the past, automakers logically interpreted test procedures to make their engines seem more muscular.

Rating an engine too optimistically can land an automaker in trouble, though. Last year, Hyundai spent tens of millions of dollars to settle a class-action lawsuit with owners who claimed that

the company had overstated power, inflating the cars' value.

In some cases, automakers have chosen to understate horsepower — when insurance companies threatened to raise rates for high-horsepower models, for instance.

Every industry has its standards organization, and for carmakers it is the Society of Automotive Engineers, now 100 years old. The society's first standards for horsepower measurement were published in 1917. In the 1970s, power ratings advertised by carmakers changed from gross output to net horsepower, reflecting a shift from testing bare engines to measuring them with a full complement of accessories.

The society's new standard is known as J1349. David Lancaster, chairman of the committee that developed the test rules, explained that new technologies open new loopholes in test procedures, which must be periodically plugged. Before 1971, for example, a manufacturer might connect the engine's exhaust system to a vacuum pump, gaining power by eliminating back pressure, the resistance to free flow caused by mufflers. Under the 2006 standard, a complete production exhaust system, or one of equal back pressure, must be used.

What kinds of gray areas are corrected by the new code for testing engine power?

Many modern engine computers electronically adjust ignition timing, either advancing it to take advantage of premium-grade gasoline or retarding it slightly to keep the engine from knocking on regular fuel. Such systems use special sensors to "listen" for knocking, which can damage the engine.

A manufacturer could therefore accurately say its engine will run satisfactorily on regular gas, yet perform the horsepower test on a higher-octane blend, knowing it will automatically take advantage of that fuel to produce slightly more power. Under the new standard, testing is done with the minimum octane fuel required for that model.

Other loopholes have been closed, too. Power losses caused by friction inside the engine can be reduced by the use of a thinner grade of oil or by using hotter oil (oil flows more freely as its temperature rises); the new testing standards require the oil to be the same grade specified for normal service, at the temperature "exhibited in service with a fully warmed-up engine."

Engines today drive an increasing number of accessories, including an air-conditioning compressor and pumps for engine coolant and power-steering fluid, all of which draw some power. Should they be operating when the horsepower is tested? Should the electrical alternator be generating

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electricity, and if so, how much? The revised standards spell out the answers to questions like these — and they will surely be revised again as new gray areas emerge.

Adoption of the new certified power standard, which includes a provision for a third-party witness to the testing, is voluntary. General Motors says it expects to apply it to all newly rated engines in the future; some makers will use it for all existing engines.

Horsepower ratings may be impressive to consumers, but the numbers are often meaningless in real-world traffic conditions. Specifications typically state something like "220 horsepower at 6,000 rpm," but because this is peak output, less power is produced at all other engine speeds.

In fact, most driving uses just a fraction of the engine's potential; typically, cars need only about

25 horsepower to maintain highway speed on a level road. Drivers never call on the full reserve of available horsepower unless they hold the accelerator fully to the floor all the way to peak rpm.

Horsepower numbers are a coded message from the maker; a high number is like bright sporty clothing, suggesting excitement. A moderate number parallels a conservative suit, suggesting traditional virtues like reliability. Such images are important in marketing.

A new performance measure that would take into account how people really drive could be created. It would average the horsepower actually needed in most daily driving.

The most direct way for drivers to determine the right amount of horsepower for their driving needs requires no calculations at all — just a test-drive.



## Slot car racing: High-speed thrills

The cars are bumper-to-bumper into the final lap. It's too close to call ... and the Dodge Charger Daytona takes the checkered flag just ahead of the Plymouth Superbird!

No, that wasn't the call from the latest televised race. It's the kind of heart-pounding racing thrills that you and your friends could be enjoying with motor-sports for the home.

Slot car racing has been around since the mid-50s, when enthusiasts "drove" their cars on model train tracks. In the 1960s, slot car racing events were featured on television shows such as "Mike Douglas," "Johnny Carson" and "Steve Allen."

And Elvis loved slot cars so much that he had an entire room at Graceland devoted to the

hobby. Elvis, however, never had anything like the latest slot cars from Carrera. The sport has come a long way since the days of "The King of Rock 'n' Roll." Today, Carrera's "Evolution Pro-X" sets another high tech benchmark with a state-of-the-art digital system in 1:32 scale.

Unlike analog systems, by fitting a micro-processor to each car and including the special digital power control unit and track sections within the layout, the new digital system lets you run multiple cars on the same track for a more realistic racing experience than Elvis ever could have imagined.

The wide lane-changing sections let you pass at top speed with bumper-to-bumper thrills down the back stretch, plus raw lane change section activation as you maneuver for position, just

like professional race car drivers. The Pro-X system features the latest models from Ferrari and Mercedes as well as classics like the Dodge Charger Daytona.

Carrera also offers the "Exclusiv" line with cars such as the Chevrolet Corvette C6R and 1:24 scale tracks, as well as "Carrera Gold" in 1:43 scale featuring Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four sets for younger slot car enthusiasts.

Long popular in Europe, slot car racing is gaining momentum in the U.S. as Americans — from car aficionados to hobbyists to collectors and "kids" of all ages — rediscover the thrill of this challenging and adrenaline-pumping hobby that's fun for the entire family.

To learn more about the latest advancements in slot car racing, visit [www.carrera-toys.com](http://www.carrera-toys.com).

## Explorer gets roomier, easier on gas budget

BY JIM MATEJA  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Even the top-seller in the segment needs to change once in a while to remain in that lofty position.

That's why, for 2006, Ford performed surgery on its midsize Explorer sport-utility, the No. 1-selling SUV for 15 years.

Ford has given Explorer a major facelift, longer and wider dimensions and a new engine and transmission that delivers more power yet higher mileage.

It also added a few new features, such as a power folding third-row seat, navigation system and a seat sensor that detects the driver's distance from the steering wheel to determine deployment speed of the air bag to keep those sitting close from getting slapped by it.

The '06 Explorer is offered in XLS, XLT, Limited and Eddie Bauer editions. Each sports a different grille.

We tested the XLT with a grille that pays homage to the god of chrome. The rocker panels are the requisite plastic. But, though dull compared with chrome, they do their job of warding off road debris. Still, it's easy to recognize the Explorer heritage.

More important than the design, length has been increased nearly 4 inches and width by nearly 2 inches. The added length means more legroom between second- and third-row seats and a little more cargo space; the added width provides legs, hips, shoulders and arms breathing space.

The third row can hold a couple of adults, who will find knee room a bit tight but head room surprisingly ample.

To get to the third row, either of the second-row seats flip forward with a pull of a strap. It creates an adequate, if not spacious, aisle.

Outside, longer and wider mean better road manners, particularly with the standard 17-inch radial tires and a stiffer frame. The suspension also was tuned to reduce road noise filtering into the cabin.

The package eliminates a lot of those annoying stings transmitted back to the steering wheel and seat-bottom cushion when traveling over less than even pavement. Ride is noticeably smoother, handling a little sharper, steering response more predictable.

Explorer had been powered by a 4.6-liter, 16-valve V-8, but for '06 offers a 4.6-liter, 24-valve V-8, a retuned version of the V-8 in Mustang. It boasts 292 horsepower, up from 239 h.p., and delivers more low-end torque for quicker movement off the line. Though Explorer tips the scales at about 4,000 pounds, about the same as its predecessor, you don't feel the weight in the wheel.

Another benefit is that fuel econ-

time, don't you think?

While Explorer has been able with three rows of seats in 2002, there's a twist for '06.

Explorer borrows the third-row seat feature from the Expedition that allows you to pull the seat backs flat to add cargo space, pulling and folding. And you can pull the seat backs up again by the button and they lift.

Three rows of seats are an option in the XLT, Limited, Eddie Bauer. Power third-row is a \$1,340 option in only the Eddie Bauer and Limited editions.

Third-row seats fold back for the first time since 1997 on one or both. And, if you want to use the third row, you can pull the seat backs flat to add cargo space, pulling and folding. And you can pull the seat backs up again by the button and they lift.

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## Car demand may boost prices

BY TERRY BOX  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS — Consumers on the battered Gulf Coast will need to buy at least 250,000 used cars and trucks as the area begins to recover — and the demand will probably push up prices.

The number of cars needed could go even higher.

In a worst-case scenario, the National Automobile Dealers Association estimates that 10 percent of all registered vehicles in Louisiana and Mississippi were destroyed in the hurricane or flooding — about 466,000 vehicles.

Either way, the need to replace private cars and trucks as well as demand for work and fleet vehicles is expected to boost used-vehicle sales to a new national record of 44.1 million cars and trucks this year.

But used-car prices could start to go up by the end of September and stay high through November, industry officials say.

The average day's supply of vehicles in the United States has been tightening since the first of the year as the economy improves and was at 46.19 days in July.

"As to where the dealers will find cars to sell to people on the Gulf Coast, that's the \$64,000 question,"

About 10 percent of all registered vehicles in Louisiana and Mississippi were destroyed in the hurricane or flooding — about 466,000 vehicles.

said Jack Durham, executive director of the Texas Independent Automobile Dealers Association.

"There's going to be pressure to pull vehicles out of Texas, and with 200,000 refugees here, we're going to have some demand in Texas. The market will kind of go crazy for a while."

Car dealers rely heavily on auctions for their supply of used cars and trucks, and Texas auctions will probably feel some of the greater demand from the Gulf Coast. Texas is the nearest big state to the hurricane zone with a large supply of used vehicles.

"Prices at auction already seem a little higher," said Sonny Morgan, chairman of the New Car Dealers Association of Metropolitan Dallas and managing partner of John Eagle Lincoln Mercury in Dallas and Aston Martin of Dallas.

"We had a heck of a good used-car month in July and August. You put that with the demand for cars

from Katrina, and it's just a matter of time before we start feeling it," Morgan said.

He said he has lent a Lincoln LS sedan to New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin's wife, who is visiting the Dallas area. Her vehicle was damaged in the hurricane, he said.

In the weeks ahead, higher wholesale car and truck prices are "a reasonable assumption when people start getting insurance checks," said Paul Taylor, chief economist at the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Durham is more blunt. "I think we're going to see a complete upheaval in the marketplace for the next six months to a year," he said.

But dealers may be limited when figuring how much of the higher costs they can pass on to consumers.

Used-vehicle prices are determined largely by new-vehicle prices.

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## Handbag designer finds inspiration on the road

BY ROCHELLE REYNOLDS  
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Amy Isenhour, 37, is racing toward her dream of designing hot rod-inspired handbags. Her first muse? Her first car — a 1966 Ford Mustang.

So far, the North Carolina State University grad's line includes styles such as the "Camaro," "Mustang" and "Checkered Flag." Each features fabrics and parts from '60s-era hot rods.

Was NASCAR an influence on you growing up?

"In my household, you can't not be a fan. We grew up pulling for Dave Pearson, Richard Petty and people like that. Along with NASCAR, we grew up liking Mustangs and classic cars in general."

I thought, these materials are so cool and the designs of the old classics, to begin with, are mouthwatering. I could take this fabric and make handbags and it would be an awesome idea.

Amy Isenhour  
Handbag designer

How did you come up with the idea for the bags? The interiors of Camaros and Impalas caught her eye at a car show.

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make handbags and it would be an awesome idea."

What goes into making the bags, and how much do they cost? The custom-made bags are \$220 to \$250.

"I don't skimp on them. The bags are made out of parts that are original equipment manufacturer's parts and fabrics. The emblems are Ford-approved. I don't purchase reproductions or knockoff emblems. For example, the Camaro bag's orange and black houndstooth fabric was the actual fabric in the '69 Camaro pace car for the Indianapolis 500."

In what style and sizes are they available?

"The Checkered Flag bag comes in blue/black and red/black. The Mustang bag comes in blue (for now), and the Camaro bag comes in orange/black houndstooth fabric, black/white houndstooth and black/yellow houndstooth. It's not too big, but it's not so small that you can't get your keys, your wallet, your cell phone and lipstick in it. I can even roll up a magazine and put it in the bottom of one."

What kind of reaction do you get when people see them?

"A lot of people just stare because I think they're just trying to figure out what kind of car it is. Men will come up and talk about the cars they had when they were young. And I've had teenagers come up to me and say that it's so cool and different. It's both a fashion statement and a piece of history."

Isenhour's Brown Eyes Motor Co. bags are at [www.aidesigns.biz](http://www.aidesigns.biz); 828-430-0900.

Have you checked your oil lately?

## A mustang with a softer touch

BY ROYAL FORD,  
BOSTON GLOBE

The phrase, uttered in warning, was always, "You're cruisin' for a bruise," as if the two were inextricably linked.

But could you make a choice? Go cruisin' on the one hand, or bruise on the other? With the new Ford Mustang GT, you can. Think coupe and convertible. Instill in each the power to bruise, but give one a softer touch for cruisin' and the other a stiffer ride for bruising.

We drove the coupe almost a year ago and were blown away. All that power, all that style, all that handling, under \$30,000. Lately, we've been in the born-later convertible Mustang GT, aimed at a somewhat different audience (with heavy emphasis on female buyers).

No one will ever mistake it for anything other than a romping Mustang. It's got the rear spoiler, looming fog lamps, horizontal mesh grille atop a fascia-embedded air scoop. It is scalloped down the sides, and has the high, chopped trunk.

Granted, with its droptop down, it does shed a bit of the hinted ferocity that the sloping roof of the coupe exudes, but with the top up, not too much of the sporty look is sacrificed.

There are always key questions about a convertible: Is it quiet inside? Is the top easy to

put up and take down? Does the wind whistle in tiny quarters where raised roof meets the rest of the car? Do road imperfections set dash or passengers to shimmying when they are transmitted into a vehicle that lost some of its structural integrity when the roof went away?

The answers: Mostly, yes, just a bit, and some, but not as bad as you'd expect.

Yes, even though the roof is insulated and the back glass is thick, some road noise does make its way in and so does the deep burble of the exhaust (not that there's anything wrong with that).

Flip two hasps, push a button near the rearview mirror, and the top is down and mostly tucked away (it needs a boot to properly cover it; see Annoyances) in about 15 seconds. Yes, there are little whistles of complaint along some notches of window/rooflines but after a while you don't notice them. And potholes, pavement cracks, washboard gravel roads, and even certain expansion joints in bridges can be felt in the butt. Considering this is a stiff convertible, it's acceptable.

The suspension is definitely softer than in the coupe and in hard corners I noticed understeer that wasn't present in the coupe. It also had a heavier feel.

Unless you opt for the 210-horsepower V-6, the convertible

gets the same smooth plant as the coupe at high speeds. Both can be hooked to speed automatics or manual. (We tested the manual.) transmission's throws felt a bit yet they were not as crisp as the quick flicks made with certain European rods. Maybe something in the transmission, so to speak.

Inside, as with the coupe, the touches of retro carry this rig back to the '60s. Sure, occupants sit in four buckets of leather far superior to anything that late '60s or early '70s Mustangs could offer. And the backlighting in the gauges is made to do a colorful job. But think back to chrome defining gauges and air out an almost flat dash face. A three-spoke wheel and a wide aluminum bar bisects the dash.

The convertible starts at \$30,550, that includes, among other standard features, power driver's seat, traction control, 17-inch cast alloy wheels, and variable interior wipers. With a handful of — upgraded audio system, theft protection, front side air bags, upgraded interior — the price goes to \$34,000. That's still a fine — whether you're going to bruise or bruise.

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## Fast-lane marketing: NASCAR's success goes beyond the race track

■ Product tie-ins generate billions of dollars in sales

BY RICK ALM  
THE KANSAS CITY STAR

Here's a pop quiz, but for diehard NASCAR fans only.

What is the official vegetable of NASCAR? The official breakfast cereal? Official ladies purse? Deodorant? Toothbrush? Infant bib?

There is one of each, believe it or not. And still more — oh, so much more.

"Conceivably, from RVs to underwear to toothbrushes to video games, one could actually live in a strictly NASCAR-licensed world," said NASCAR business communications director Andrew Giangola.

Motor sports giant NASCAR has mastered the art of marketing partnerships. More than 200 companies pay millions to hitch a ride on NASCAR's shooting star that generates \$2 billion in annual sales of NASCAR-licensed products. That's up from a mere \$80 million in 1990.

Corporate sponsors of racing teams pay millions more — perhaps as much as \$20 million per season, it has been estimated — for the high visibility of the company's name emblazoned across the hoods of race cars. Advertising Age in 2002 estimated that such exposure was worth a collective \$5 billion in advertising value to those companies, whose products range from Spam to Viagra.

Locally, Sprint Nextel Corp. is

the title sponsor of the Nextel Cup Series, a Roadway Corp. sponsored event.

Television coverage of events is ubiquitous over the sport's 10-month season. NASCAR claims to have 75 million fans.

NASCAR claims to have 75 million fans. NASCAR's success goes beyond the race track. NASCAR doesn't shy from financial related to its partnership deals, but experts analyzed the effects away awestruck.

"The road to victory is paved with money,"

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## Explorer

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We tested the XLT in 4x4 mode. Push a dash button for four-wheel high or low or four-wheel automatic, which operates in two-wheel-drive until the system detects the need to switch to 4WD.

Explorer also comes with Beltminder, the chimes that continue to blare until you buckle up. Though annoying, or maybe because they are annoying, seat-belt usage is up 5 percent in Ford vehicles with the system, according to the car-maker's research.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration even is considering requiring Beltminder in all new cars.

Base price of the '06 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 tested is \$31,650.

Standard equipment includes air conditioning, power driver's seat/windows/door locks/mirrors (which also fold); AM/FM stereo with single CD player and MP3 player; anti-lock brakes and cruise control.

As is common with Ford, there are lots of options to run up the price, such as the safety canopy, power pedals, power third-row seat, power moonroof (\$850); rear-seat DVD entertainment system (\$1,295); and rear-seat climate control (\$650).

One major gripe is that there were no lights to make the radio controls visible at night. Ford insists this was a glitch on a preproduction model that won't happen on production models. We'll be watching.

## Demand

FROM PAGE D12

With new-car prices relatively low because of incentives and special deals, retail used-vehicle prices are down 3 percent to 4 percent, said Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research in Bandon, Ore.

As a result, dealers' margins may get squeezed more than consumers' wallets.

In August 2004, the average price of a used car sold at a new-car dealership was \$12,200, compared with \$11,300 in August of this year, Spinella noted.

I can't think of any other situation where you had this many vehicles displaced. You didn't have this volume after 9-11. This is a unique situation for the auto industry.

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Texas is Independent  
Auto Dealers Association

Still, many in the industry say they don't really know what to expect. "I can't think of any other situation where you had this many vehicles displaced," said Ted Durham of the Texas Independent Auto Dealers Association. "You didn't have this volume after 9-11. This is a unique situation for the auto industry."

The used-car business in the U.S. was already on pace for a record sales year when Hurricane Katrina hit, Spinella said.

After the hurricane, he increased his sales projections by 250,000 — the largest single adjustment that Spinella could recall making in 21 years of following the business.

Taylor of NADA also said his estimate of 10 percent of the registered vehicles in Louisiana and Mississippi were destroyed is a "working hypothesis."

"What we don't know is how many were insured and will be replaced," he said.

His total includes 4,486 new cars and trucks on dealers' lots.

Replacing the new vehicles won't be as challenging as finding used vehicles because automakers generally have the capacity to build additional cars and trucks.

Ultimately, the demand for used vehicles should help the auto industry — after stretching it in the short term, said George Hoffer, an economics professor at Virginia Commonwealth University who has followed the auto industry.

Although dealers say they are selling used vehicles at a rapid rate, the pace usually slows in October and remains sluggish through the fourth quarter.

"Prices were going to be in the doldrums this fall and winter because of all the trades during the employee-discount sales this summer," Hoffer said.

"You were going to have this glut of cars moving through the system at the slowest time of year. That should be mitigated by this new and unexpected demand."

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## Mud love: Off-roaders party on at 'Camp Jeep'

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III

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BLAKESLEE, Pa. — "It's the mud I love." That was the big draw for Trudy Peebles, 32, of Charlottesville, Va., she said, as she took part in the recent Camp Jeep 2005 in the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Peebles, a real-estate agent, was among more than 5,000 Jeep aficionados who came to the annual event from all over the United States and Canada. Held at various locations throughout the country for 11 years, the camp is a celebration of these off-road vehicles and the culture they've engendered.

Peebles' 2003 Jeep Wrangler was covered with mud after driving all day on the challenging off-road trails in the area of the Jack Frost Ski Resort.

The resort, nestled in the rolling green hills of the Poconos two hours north of the urban sprawl of Philadelphia, was the site of this year's event, which drew more than 1,500 off-road-equipped Jeep vehicles.

Rain in the area just before the event opened its three-day run created the conditions on the trails that allowed Peebles and other mud-hungry participants to get their vehicles dirty.

"It rained again last night while we were sleeping, and I was worried the rain would wash the mud off my Wrangler," she said Saturday. "I worked hard for that mud."

As with many of those attending the event, this wasn't the first Camp Jeep for Peebles. "I've been to three others," she said.

In homage to her love of the vehicle she

drives, her personalized Virginia license plate reads: "GEEP GRL."

"My fiance came with me, but he's not driving; I am," she said. "He has a Toyota Camry. He won't even drive my Jeep, but I think that's mostly because of the license plate."

The main draw was the Camp Jeep compound, where giant tents were set up to celebrate Jeep culture.

Engineering clinics, off-road driving instruction, stores selling Jeep gear and accessories, and even displays of vintage Jeeps were provided for the participants.

There was also some just-plain-fun stuff such as the sports and adventure tower, featuring supervised rock-climbing and a sky-diving simulator, among other activities.

Sister and brother Amy and Brian Roche of Alburtis, Pa., came to the event in Brian's 1989 Jeep Cherokee, and waited eagerly in line for a chance to drive some of the newest Jeeps that were on hand for participants to test on two mini-courses set up within the camp compound.

"I like it that you can drive the new ones and test them out," said Amy Roche, 22, a graduate student. "I'm planning to get my own Jeep as soon as I finish school, and I really liked the new Commander they let me drive."

The Jeep division of DaimlerChrysler, sponsor of the event, brought several of the 2006 Commanders for participants to see and drive. The all-new model, the first Jeep SUV with three rows of seating, goes on sale this fall.

Roche said she also was looking forward to driving the off-road trails Sunday with her brother. The two were on their fifth Camp Jeep adventure, along with their parents, who came in a newer Jeep.

Brian Roche, 26, took over the '89 Cherokee from his dad in 1996, and has been enjoying off-road exploring with it ever since, he said. He has equipped his Jeep with serious off-road equipment, including a lift kit and larger tires.

He particularly likes events such as regional Jeep Jamborees and the national Camp Jeep, where he can commune with other Jeep people, he said.

"Camp Jeep is a perfect mix of Jeep vehicles, activities, heritage and concerts," he said.

The event included an appearance by the Oak Ridge Boys, as well as concerts by rock-music performers. There was lots of fun for kids, too, said Austin Parker, 7, of Clawson, Mich., who came to the event with his dad, Jay Parker, in their 2005 Jeep Liberty Renegade. It was Austin's first Camp Jeep, and his dad's third.

"I liked the adventure tower and the remote-controlled cars," he said.

A mini-off-road course was set up for the kids to race remote-controlled toy Jeeps, and Austin said he had done that twice already. He was hoping his dad would buy him one of the radio-controlled models at the Jeep Gear store in the camp.

One evening, Janet Sarvey of Brookville, Pa., sat with four family members and two groups of friends on lawn chairs behind their

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Amy Roche  
Camp Jeep participant

Jeeps in the wooded parking lot just outside the camp compound, winding down after a day of frenzied activity, she said.

"We absolutely love Camp Jeep," she said. "This is our seventh one."

She came in her 2003 Wrangler Rubicon, the latest in a series of Jeep vehicles she and her family have owned. "I can't remember them all," she said.

Near the group was a muddy Wrangler with a bumper sticker that summed up how some Jeep owners feel when trying to explain the vehicles and the culture to non-Jeep people.

"It's a Jeep thing. You wouldn't understand," the sticker says.

Next to it was a Jeep with a spare-tire cover that delivered a message summing up the great weather, beautiful scenery and camaraderie of Camp Jeep:

"Life is Good."

## Jim's driveway: Auto review capsules

BY JIM MATEJA

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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**BUICK LACROSSE CXS:** Base price: \$28,335; Engine: 3.6-liter, 240-h.p. V-6; Fuel economy: 19 m.p.g. city/27 highway. First new Buick car since 2000 replaces Regal/Century. Pains taken on fit, finish and quiet for the perception of the same quality as rival midsize Japanese sedans: All fasteners covered with caps, vinyl trim looks and feels like leather and sound deadeners applied throughout. New V-6 provides ample power yet very good mileage. Suspension upgrades deliver smooth ride and precise handling. ABS and traction control standard, stability control optional. Five- or six-passenger seating.

**CHEVROLET COBALT LT sedan:** Base price: \$18,195; Engine: 2.2-liter, 145-h.p. 4-cylinder; Fuel economy: 24 m.p.g. city/32 highway. Successor to the Cavalier offered in coupe, sedan and supercharged SS versions for \$14,000-\$22,000. Shares platforms with the Saturn ION.

Slightly smaller outside than Cavalier but bigger inside. Outstanding attention to fit and finish and quiet, though the 4-cylinder will groan a bit taking off from the light. Ride and handling benefit from tire upgrades. Considerable improvement over Cavalier in room, comfort, features and performance.

**CHRYSLER 300C:** Base price: \$32,370; Engine: 5.7-liter, 340-h.p., Hemi V-8; Fuel economy: 17 m.p.g. city/25 highway. The RWD replacement for the FWD 300M, with one other new twist, a potent Hemi. And another twist comes this fall when AWD is added as an option. Hemi comes with multiple displacement system, which shuts off 4 cylinders when not needed to improve mileage.

This RWD sedan comes with stability control and all-speed traction control to eliminate the slip and slide tendency of RWD cars in the snow. Ride and handling benefit from 18-inch touring radials. Excellent cabin room.

**FORD FOCUS X4 ST:** Base price: \$17,705; Engine: 2.3-liter, 151-h.p.

4-cylinder; Fuel economy: 23 m.p.g. city/32 highway. The com-

pact offers new, more stylish design and an engine that produces less emissions than some gas/electrics, though you can buy the car with that engine in only five states—not Illinois. This new model basically takes the place of the SVT, and while maybe not quick, the performance-tuned suspension is more refined and user friendly. Manual trans only. Limited options to simplify ordering.

**HONDA ACCORD HYBRID:** Base price: \$31,990; Engine: 3-liter, 240-h.p. V-6

with 12-kilowatt, 144-volt, 16-h.p., electric motor for total of 256 h.p.; Fuel economy: 29 m.p.g. city/37 m.p.g. highway. New gas/electric version of automaker's top selling midsize sedan. Starts and runs on gas and uses electric assist only when more power is needed.

As an added benefit, the V-6 gas engine comes with cylinder deactivation to shut down 3 cylinders to conserve fuel when cruising. Rides and handles just like gas powered sedan; no noticeable differences. Mileage about 8 m.p.g. better city, 7 m.p.g. better highway than with gas-powered engine. Drawback: Costs about \$3,300 more than gas only version.

**MINI COOPER S convertible:** Base price: \$24,400; Engine: 1.6-liter, 168-h.p.; supercharged 4-cylinder; Fuel economy: 25 m.p.g. city/32 highway. The cute and cuddly Mini has gotten even cuter and cuddlier—as a convertible.

In keeping with its lighter-up philosophy, it comes with a clever contract buyers must sign promising to drive it with the top down 90 percent of the time. Softtop opens 10 inches to act like sunroof, or all the way to become convertible. Keep in mind, however, this is one of the smallest vehicles on the planet and a Jeep Wrangler looks like a Hummer in the rearview mirror.

**PONTIAC G6 GT sedan:** Base price: \$23,300; Engine: 3.5-liter, 200-h.p. V-6; Fuel economy: 21 m.p.g. city/29 highway. The longer, wider replacement for Grand Am sheds the plastic body cladding.

Peppy V-6, very roadworthy sports suspension and nice features, such as power adjustable pedals, remote engine start, side-curtain air bags and a four-panel, glass sunroof. Coupe and re-

tractable hardtop convertible arrive in 2005 — along with higher-performance GTP and higher mileage, 4-cylinder sedan.

**TOYOTA CAMRY XLE:** Base price: \$25,405; Engine: 3-liter, 210-h.p. V-6;

Fuel economy: 20 m.p.g. city/28 highway. Poster vehicle for practicality and functionality. Best-selling car in the industry seven of the last eight years based on its reputation for reliable, dependable, quality operation. Hybrid is about two years away.

Upgrades to 4-cylinder models, such as ABS and 5-speed automatic standard and stability control optional. The 3-liter V-6 gets great mileage but could use a bit more oomph. Smooth ride, adequate handling and ample room. Does nothing to offend, but nothing to surprise or delight either.

**VOLKSWAGEN JETTA:** Base price: \$20,390; Engine: 2.5-liter, 150-h.p. 5-cylinder;

Fuel economy: 22 m.p.g. city/30 m.p.g. highway. Celebrating its 25th anniversary in the U.S. with the next generation featuring new sheet-metal and larger dimensions. New 5-cylinder base engine and 6-speed automatic.

Shocks, spring rates and stabilizer bars front and rear designed to reduce body roll in tight corners and improve stability. Four-wheel ABS, electronic stability control and all-speed traction control standard, along with side-curtain air bags. Lots of technology, but light on whiz-bang novel features.

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**HYUNDAI SONATA LX:** Base price: \$22,895; Engine: 3.3-liter, 235-h.p. V-6; Fuel economy: 20 m.p.g. city/30 highway. Redesigned and larger sedan for 2006. For the first time a South Korean car built in the U.S.—and like Japanese, in a non-union plant. Boasts most of the same features as a Camry or Accord for \$2,000 to \$4,000 less.

Roomier cabin, more spirited V-6 and respectable mileage.

Pleasant surprise is that electronic stability control with traction control and four-wheel ABS are standard in this low priced sedan to prevent wheels from slipping away.

**MERCURY MILAN V-6 PREMIER:** Base price: \$22,845; Engine:

3-liter, 210-h.p. V-6; Fuel economy: 23 m.p.g. city/29 m.p.g. highway. Another new midsize sedan to replace Sable. Rich, luxurious upscale styling inside and out and a paint finish with luster. Very good cabin as well as trunk room.

Suspension tuned to absorb road imperfections so tar marks don't feel like logs. Choice of 4-cylinder for mileage, V-6 for performance, though high mileage is the primary concern. At 3,200 to 3,300 pounds, you'll feel weight in the wheel, but it's not cumbersome. Still to come, all-wheel-drive ('07) and a gas/electric hybrid ('08).

**TOYOTA AVALON XLS:** Base

price: \$30,800; Engine: 3.5-liter,

280-h.p., 24-valve V-6; Fuel economy: 22 m.p.g. city/31 highway

Much larger than the car it replaces with more cabin room, better styling, a V-6 that leaps from the light and a suspension tuned for better ride and more agile handling. Back-seat legroom is limo-like, and seat backs recline.

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## NASCAR

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economists at the University of Missouri-Kansas City who examined two dozen NASCAR racing teams' corporate sponsorships between 1995 and 2001. The researchers' report summed up those relationships as "corporate America's love affair with NASCAR ... branding their products and services with the aura and mystique of NASCAR."

More to the corporate bottom-line point, the UMKC study found that the average team sponsor's stock value soared \$300 million — not of the sponsorships' cost — during the two days following announcements of the marketing deals. The figure ballooned to an average \$500 million gain for companies with direct ties to the consumer automotive industry.

Such growth in shareholder value from a voluntary marketing initiative alone is unprecedented, the researchers said, and it "is certainly possible that no single marketing program in the history of American business has led to larger dollar increases in corporate value."

"Not corporate stadium sponsorships, nor Olympic sponsorships, nor celebrity endorser signings have registered a mean net increase in shareholder value even approaching \$300 million."

"Indeed," the study concluded, "across the universe of sponsorship possibilities, it is possible that NASCAR sponsorships represent the gold standard."

That gets no argument from Minneapolis-based Wilsons Leathers, a national dry goods chain with 429 stores in 45 states, including a shop in Overland Park.

Wilson's chief executive Michael Searles credits NASCAR with a huge share of the company's 13 percent first-quarter sales growth.

Less than 5 percent of the stores' inventory is NASCAR-branded, said Searles. But those products, ranging from leather jackets autographed by drivers to women's handbags, account for around 20 percent of sales.

NASCAR's Giangola is modest in the glow of success.

"It's not that we're brilliant marketers," he said. "That's just the way the sport grew up," with drivers and

cars covered in sponsorship logos, patches and decals. "Our sport is an expensive sport, and our fans embrace that."

"A consumer and fan of NASCAR can patronize Home Depot or drink a Coca-Cola with the knowledge that every little bit helps. It's been this way for 50 years. ... It works."

Despite the huge numbers involved, Giangola noted that the sponsorship and licensing-dollar pie was carved into many slices and consumed not only by NASCAR, but also by its affiliated tracks, independent racing teams and others.

The strategy doesn't easily translate to other sports, he added. "When Major League Baseball tried to put Spider-Man (movie promotions) on the bases, it wasn't authentic," Giangola said.

Meanwhile, the NASCAR phenomenon is spinning off other enterprises. Driver Jeff Gordon, for instance, is launching his own private-label wine and has joined Elizabeth Arden to market his own cologne.

There's a willing, able and identifiable audience of consumers out there eager to snap up all things NASCAR.

Surveys find that NASCAR fans are typically younger and more affluent than the U.S. population. And surprisingly, given the sport's rural Southern roots, NASCAR fans today are slightly more likely than non-fans to be company officers and readers of Forbes magazine, for instance.

A Simmons Market Research report found 40 percent of NASCAR fans willing to switch their buying habits to NASCAR-linked products. They were three times more likely than non-fans to buy a NASCAR sponsor's goods or services.

The UMKC study concluded: "In an era when consumer overload is a serious concern ... NASCAR sponsorships are an economically advantageous method of cutting through the clutter to reach millions of demographically desirable consumers."

The Center for Sports Sponsorship at Virginia's James Madison University came to the same conclusion, declaring a "NASCAR sponsorship is the best buy in marketing ... unparalleled in the sports world or anywhere else."

The center's survey of 1,000 fans — short for fanatics, remember —

found intense loyalty to the sport as well as to its corporate benefactors. More than a third of fans could list the chief corporate sponsors of the Nextel Cup standings' top 30 drivers unaided by any hints.

And 76 percent agreed that without sponsorships there probably would be no NASCAR.

Indeed, said center director Larry DeGaris, "the reality is, without corporate dollars there is no sports. That's a financial fact of life in pro sports today. ... It's big business."

DeGaris said NASCAR didn't appear to be approaching any kind of overexposure ceiling with its branding partnerships.

Fully half of the center's fan survey respondents said they considered buying sponsors' products as their contribution to the sport's well-being.

And, DeGaris said, "there's room for growth. I think you'll see a lot more new product categories opening up."

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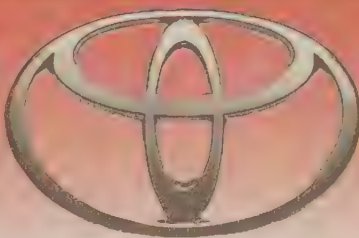
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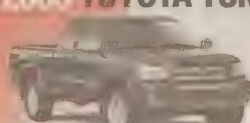
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## Get-Togethers with Gooseberry Patch: Food to Bring Family & Friends to the Table

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For almost 15 years, Gooseberry Patch cookbooks have helped American home cooks create delicious meals for their loved ones. Now, Gooseberry Patch leads us on a life-watering journey through the pages with *Get-Togethers with Gooseberry Patch: Food to Bring Family & Friends to the Table* (Gooseberry Patch, \$24.95).

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A new twist on the traditional Gooseberry Patch cookbook, this collection is accompanied by full-color photography that shows readers to celebrate life's pleasures with the ones they love.

Free recipes from *Get-Togethers with Gooseberry Patch* follow:

### GETTING WITH BERRIES BUNDT CAKE

Fill with black raspberries, huckleberries, cherries or even gooseberries.

2 cups sugar

1/4 cups unsalted butter, diced and softened

2 tablespoons Kirsch liqueur or cherry syrup

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup all-purpose flour, divided

1/2 cups raspberries

1/2 cups blueberries or blackberries

berries

Garnish: Powdered sugar

Combine eggs and sugar in a large bowl; set aside. Beat butter and liqueur or syrup until fluffy using an electric mixer; add to egg mixture. Add baking powder, salt and all except 2 tablespoons flour. Beat until well-blended and no lumps remain; set aside. Combine berries and remaining flour; toss to coat berries. Gently fold berries into batter.

Pour into a greased and floured Bundt pan. Bake at 325 degrees until a wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean, about one hour. Remove from oven and let cool in the pan for 20 to 25 minutes; turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Sprinkle top of cake with powdered sugar.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.

### SUNRISE SAUSAGE BALLS

Serve these immediately or keep them warm in the slow cooker set on low.

1 pound ground sausage  
1/2 cup biscuit baking mix  
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

12-ounce jar apricot preserves  
In a large bowl, combine sausage, biscuit mix and cheese. Mix well and form into walnut-size balls. Arrange on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes, turning once, until golden. Heat apricot preserves until syrupy; pour over meatballs and toss to coat.

Makes 15 sausage balls.

### HOMEMADE WAFFLES WITH BLUEBERRY SAUCE

Nothing inspires morning smiles like the unmistakable scent of waffles for breakfast.

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 eggs, separated  
1-1/2 cups milk

5 tablespoon shortening, melted  
Stir together flour, baking powder, sugar and salt; set aside. Beat together egg yolks, milk and shortening; blend into flour mixture until smooth. Stiffly beat egg whites; fold into batter. Pour 1/2 cup batter onto preheated waffle iron; bake as manufacturer directs. Drizzle with Blue-

berry Sauce.

Makes 6 servings.

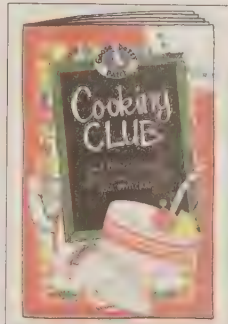
**Blueberry Sauce:**  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1/2 cup water  
2 cups blueberries  
1 tablespoon butter

Combine sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan; stir in water. Bring to a boil over medium heat; boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add berries. Reduce heat and simmer for 8 to 10 minutes, until berries burst. Stir in butter until melted. Serve warm.

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### About Gooseberry Patch

What began at the kitchen tables of two stay-at-home moms 21 years ago has grown into the Gooseberry Patch home decor and cookbook catalog business of today.

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# Beyond fads: Five trends in kitchen design that are here to stay

We've all seen them ... the decorating TV shows that trumpet the latest high fashion trends in kitchens — from glass countertops to microwaves that double as flat screen televisions. It's easy to get caught up in the hype for the latest high-priced item, but what trends are worth your attention and investment?

While industry experts often disagree on style issues, they all agree on one thing: the trend of bigger, more open, more important kitchens in the U.S. is here to stay.

A generation ago, kitchens were thought of as the place where mom cooked by herself, then brought the food out to the rest of the family. Now, kitchens are the hub of the home, where the entire family gathers in the evenings, after work, to do homework, share meals, and entertain friends. Everything we're seeing in kitchen design is just another way to make kitchens more multifunctional and welcoming, said Ellen Cheever, ASID, a professional kitchen designer, educator, and frequent contributor to industry publications like "Kitchen" and "Bath" magazines.

## Trend 1: The kitchens within a kitchen

As more Americans build homes

with kitchens that are open to living and dining rooms, kitchens are being treated more like any other room in the house, with elaborate moldings, specialty lighting, and finely crafted floor and ceilings.

"People need their kitchen to be expandable and collapsible, too," Cheever added. "On the weeknights, they need to be able to navigate their kitchen quickly when they're just warming up a simple meal. But on the weekends, they need it to open up enough so they can prepare a fancy gourmet meal and entertain a large group of friends while they are cooking."

As a result, designers are creating quick prep areas where a small sink, cutting board, and microwave are close together. Larger homes are often using a small butler's pantry off the main kitchen for this purpose, with a clean up area, microwave, prep area and refrigerator. The butler's pantry has the added convenience of keeping dirty dishes out of the way while entertaining, and storing large amounts of serve ware, linens and china.

Cheever noted that customers are also putting in larger sinks in the island to make a food prep area. In larger farmhouses, they're putting in more and more island prep centers

"The days when kitchens always had one sink right under the kitchen window appear to be over," Cheever said.

## Trend 2: Eclectic is in

Customers of all kinds are interested in the new, unusual and artful, according to Jan Aufderhar, semi-custom manager for MasterBrand Cabinets in Jasper, Ind. MasterBrand Cabinets makes many of the built-in cabinets sold in the U.S., including its upscale semi-custom Decora line, sold through more than 1,000 dealers nationally. While the upscale markets are often driving innovation, these trends are now becoming common at all price levels, Aufderhar said.

Instead of having a solid bank of cabinets with a standard finish, customers are mixing and matching finishes, putting cabinets up in feet to make them look more like freestanding furniture and choosing exotic woods and hardware, she said. Decora alone offers more than 1,000 different finishes and door combinations. The company's knobs and drawer pulls are often a focal point in a kitchen, providing a "jewelry-like" touch with more expensive and "fifty made matter" ais.

White cabinets are still popular, but the sales are going down in

those as customers go for painted finishes like chili pepper red, or rich, hand-rubbed finishes like dark cherry," Aufderhar said.

Customers are adding more display area into upper cabinets as well, putting in clear or art glass inserts into their door fronts and gallery lighting inside the cabinet to show off prized ceramics or hand-blown glass collections.

## Trend 3: More tall, less wall

As customer's floor plans continue to be more open, there is less space to mount above the counter cabinets. As a result, manufacturers are creating more height options for cabinets to help break up the space between rooms.

Instead of having a lot of pedestal cabinets — these are cabinets which are taller than the rest, usually 42 inches or more, that act almost like a built-in pedestal at the end of a long run under the counter cabinets. It's a great post for a column or other architectural element for the room," Cheever said.

She noted that designers are also creating counters with two levels. The high level breaks up space between kitchen and living areas and reduces the appearance of counter clutter. It also

provides a handy place to pull up a barstool to do homework. Designers are also creating "baking centers" with lower than standard counter heights perfect for kneading bread or making candy.

## Trend 4: Expanded office/work desk areas

Used to be, there was a desk in the kitchen so mom could store her recipes and work on the bills," Cheever said. "But as more homes got wireless internet access, mom didn't like being cooped up at a kitchen desk. Today, customers are forgoing tiny kitchen desks for larger desks that wrap around into the family room — perfect for watching the kids while they surf the internet and paying the bills while enjoying TV with the family."

## Trend 5: Everything at your fingertips

"Customers today are not satisfied to have cabinets that merely look good. They want them to work efficiently for them, too," Aufderhar said. Decora was one of the first in the semi-custom cabinet market to offer a full line of cabinet storage options, from overhead wine racks, to pull out spice racks and chopping boards, and more. The ACCESSories line, Aufderhar

said, has been very popular with the gourmet cook who doesn't want to scramble around in the cabinets for a pot or pan or dinner party.

Appliance manufacturers have been quick to capitalize on this, too, as they develop warming drawers, beverage chillers and more under the counter.

By offering customers more like buffet storage for linens, glass storage, beverage centers and the like, Decora has made it possible for customers to have more complex areas in their kitchens. "Instead of the kitchen with just a traditional cool clean-up, and food storage, customers can use their cabinets to create a formal area, a casual dining area, a homework area, a wine area, or anything they want, by carving out a corner of the kitchen," Aufderhar said.

To find out more about kitchen design trends, visit [www.decoracabinets.com](http://www.decoracabinets.com). — Courtesy of Decora



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# Brown-bagging made easy

The end of summer shifts morning routines into high gear. There are kids to get dressed, homework to gather and lunches to pack — all before a frenzied rush for the door. To reduce back-to-school stress, keep brown bag preparation under control. Here's how.

## Get organized

Making lunch is more efficient with everything you need at hand. Stock up on easy sandwich fixings like cheeses and cold meats. For your cheese selection, consider cheeses imported from Ireland to encourage in your kids an appreciation for quality and flavor. Kerry

cheeses are hormone- and preservative-free. Kid pleasing favorites include Blarney Castle, a semi-soft mild cheese. Dubliner, a Cheddar-type cheese with all the good Parmesan like bite, and Kerrygold Swiss and Aged Cheddar.

Purchase plastic wrap at a local container of various sizes to pack sandwiches, salads, dressings and dips.

For variety's sake, stock many kinds of breads in your freezer. Defrost what you need the night before.

## Make ahead

If mornings are too hectic, consider making lunch the night before.

Make grilled cheese sandwiches, wrap and refrigerate. Pack leftovers. Pizza or stew are delicious the next day. Make a week's worth of meat and cheese sandwiches, wrap separately and freeze. Pack frozen leftovers by lunchtime. (Avoid mayonnaise or vegetables — they won't thaw successfully.)

## Be creative, on the spot

If you're rushing to make lunch, but still want to be creative, try these ideas.

**Munchie lunchie:** Combine cubes of Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese in a plastic sandwich bag with pre-zested pieces of chutneys and raisins.

**Tortilla roll-ups:** Spread a small amount of Kerrygold Butter Layer with thin slices of Kerrygold Blarney Castle Cheese, slices of smoked turkey and spinach leaves. Roll up tightly and wrap securely in plastic wrap.

**Shake it Up!** In a large container, layer pre-washed salad greens, strips of Kerrygold Swiss Cheese and ham, shredded carrots and sliced cucumber. Pack ranch dressing separately. At lunchtime, dressing into container and shake to toss.

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brown. (Cheese should be melted for best crispness. If it doesn't turn brown, it's not done.)

ing up any large clusters. If you're using containers, fill them up the night before. Makes 2 servings.

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# Get a jump on dinner with Stovetop Chicken with Mushrooms

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 Avoid the last-minute dinner rush by keeping your pantry freezer stocked with the making of easy and delicious meals. This time of year many moms find themselves wondering, "Why do I have to back-to-school time transition into back-to-the-kitchen time?" This fall, as always, busy families are even busier, with Mom taking up superfast, before-school breakfasts, doing assembly-line lunch packing late at night and rushing to prep a healthy dinner between the end of the school day and the evening's activities. However, multiple solutions to this daily dinner dilemma lie right under your cupboard door. By keeping a variety of convenience meals on hand, you can head off suppertime crunch.

tion of non-perishable condiments and simple seasonings, such as spices and bouillon cubes," suggests Jeff Wagers, Heinz corporate chef.

These pantry staples — and a freezer stocked with frozen meats, such as chicken breasts, ground beef or pork chops — result in quick, easy, last-minute meals, says Wagers.

"You don't need to plan a week's worth of meals or head to the grocery store several times a week if you have a well-stocked pantry and freezer," he notes. "The great thing about having key ingredients on hand is that you can transform something like instant rice, bouillon cubes and chicken into a fast and delicious family meal."

## STOVETOP CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS

4 skinless, boneless chicken

- breast halves (about 6 ounces each)
- 2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup dry white wine or water
- 2 Wyler's Chicken-Flavor Bouillon Cubes or 2 teaspoons Wyler's Chicken-Flavor Bouillon Granules
- 1 (8-ounce) package sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 cups cooked rice
- In medium skillet, cook chicken in hot oil until golden brown. Add wine (or water) and bouillon cubes. Cook at high heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until bouillon cubes dissolve and liquid is reduced. Add mushrooms. Cover and simmer 10 to 15 minutes or until chicken is fully cooked. Serve with hot rice.

Makes 4 servings.

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STOVETOP CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS utilizes Wyler's Chicken-Flavor Bouillon Cubes along with staples such as instant rice and skinless, boneless chicken breasts.

# Don't toss it — find a new use

BY REBECCA HALL  
 KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Consignment shops and thrift stores provide a second home for clothes and accessories that no longer fit or aren't quite your style anymore. But what about those odd items in closets and dressers that seem destined for the garbage can? There's even hope for worn-out shoes and used socks — even one sock. You would be surprised at what you can do with things you swore no one would ever want.

Yes, it's easier to toss them into the wastebasket, but we want to give you an option that might slow down the need for more landfills. Here are some ways to give your well-used — and well-loved — fashion finds a second life.

## Lone socks

So, you think no one would ever want an unmatched, single sock? Think again. Fill it with catnip and knot the ends for a new kitty toy. Ball up socks or knot them together to make a dog happy. No pets but feeling creative? Make sock puppets and donate them to a nearby preschool.

## Hotel minis and makeup

## freebies

Do you have a collection of never-used makeup that was a gift-with-purchase item? Perhaps it's the wrong shade or a product you just won't ever use. And what about all those tiny soaps and shampoos we bring home from hotels just because they were free? You can give them to women's centers and homeless shelters. Consider places such as Career Closet ([www.career-closet.org](http://www.career-closet.org)), which helps women get back into the job market after a setback by giving them gently used professional clothing. It takes unused beauty products, too.

## Old athletic shoes

Your trusty tennies are worn, torn and falling apart. But they're still good enough for Nike's "reuse-a-shoe" program. Old athletic shoes of any brand are ground up and molded into tennis and basketball courts, tracks and playgrounds. Read more about the program and find drop-off locations at [www.nikereuseashoe.com](http://www.nikereuseashoe.com).

## Glasses

Most of us have glasses with old prescriptions or outdated

frames — backups in case the new ones break. But after a few years, we have a basket of old glasses. Give them a new face to sit on by donating them to the Lions Club International, known for its focus on vision care and the eyeglass recycling program. The organization cleans, repairs and sorts the glasses by prescription and distributes them to developing countries.

And don't forget those sunglasses. The group needs those, too. Search [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for donation locations, or drop them off at any LensCrafters or Goodwill store or American Optometric Association office.

## Old T-Shirts

Do you have countless festival tees piling up in your closet? Faded T-shirts clogging your drawers? Start using them as dusters, rags and faux-finish paintbrushes. HGTV suggests cutting them into squares and using them as baby wipes. Just add water. But if you just can't take the idea of your favorite shirt cleaning up a baby's mess, there are other alternatives. Make pillows or quilts, using the art as the central image. Braid torn strips into rag rugs.

# Jazz up your java at home

According to 2005 National Coffee Drinking Trends, published by the National Coffee Association of U.S.A. Inc., more than 53 percent of consumers age 18 and older drink coffee on a daily basis, up from 49 percent in 2004. That translates into 7.7 million new coffee drinkers.

With consumers enjoying a wider range of coffee drinks in offices, corner cafes and restaurants, they are also demanding better-tasting coffee at home. Here are a few ideas for a better brew:

- Pressure-brewed is best. In blind tests, more people prefer the taste of coffee that is high-pressure brewed, versus any other method. High-pressure-brewed coffee requires the use of pump-pressure coffee machines, like espresso machines.

- All pressure-coffee machines are not equal. There are several types of these machines. Steam-driven espresso machines create pressure in a closed boiler, then force the hot water through the coffee. Most can make up to 10 ounces of coffee at a time. A pump espresso machine pumps hot water through ground coffee faster than a steam machine, creating more pressure with better flavor and aroma.

Automatic coffee centers, like those from Jura-Capresso, provide maximum flavor and aroma because they grind the beans just before the high-pressure brewing process. These machines control all aspects of high-pressure brewing, resulting in a better quality beverage, regardless of whether you choose an espresso, cappuccino, latte or just a large cup of pressure-brewed coffee.

- Look for crema. Crema is thick frothy foam that sits on top of pressure-brewed coffee or espresso, trapping all the flavor and aroma underneath.

- A high-pressure-brewed coffee should always be the base for your cappuccino or latte. If you prefer cappuccinos or lattes, experiment with the amount of milk

to suit your taste. Remember, coffee does not have calories, but milk does.

- Determine your price range. Take a look at your coffee-drinking habits. If you purchase two cappuccinos a day, you may be spending about \$1,900 a year on gourmet coffee. For less than this, you can purchase an automatic coffee center from Jura-Capresso that produces the same quality found in the coffeehouses.

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# Zazzle launches 'community giving' charitable program

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**PALO ALTO** — Zazzle, (www.zazzle.com), one of the Internet's leading customized products marketplace, recently announced its Community Giving Program providing a bridge between charities who want to increase fundraising and awareness and consumers interested in supporting their favorite cause. Zazzle has created a one stop shop (www.zazzle.com/charity) for communities to rally behind a cause that includes tools for communication and sharing to help raise charity awareness.

Whether giving to the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, walking for Breast Cancer or rallying to Save the Children, consumers are Zazzling everything from t-shirts to outfit themselves and their teams, to personalized cards and stamps to thank supporters after specific charity events. Charities have the ability to create unique products for fundraising purposes and share their messages with a broader audience. Now Zazzle is making it easier and more rewarding to use its customization tools for the purpose of giving to a good cause.

"The Forever Young Foundation," founded by NFL legend Steve Young is participating in Zazzle's 'Community Giving Program.' The foundation helps children who face significant physical, emotional, and financial challenges, by providing academic, athletic, and therapeutic opportunities. "We're excited about working with Zazzle not only because of the opportunity for new fundraising but because of the focus on interacting with a new community," said Steve Young. "Zazzle gives consumers a fun and easy way to 'be their own hero' by showing their support for children every time they buy unique products."

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the nation's largest animal protection organi-

Katrina relief, Humane Society of the U.S., Forever Young Foundation and other causes receive donations

zation, has also created a Zazzle charity gallery. "The HSUS puts a priority on the need for disaster preparedness that includes animals, and we've responded to disasters nationwide," said Melissa Rubin, VP of Field and Disaster Services at the HSUS. "Many thousands of animals have been affected and displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita alone. We're very pleased to participate in Zazzle's new program that will help raise needed funds and awareness during this critical time."

Zazzle's contributor community, which includes thousands of individual artists, photographers, designers and creative consumers, has come together to create a gallery benefiting Katrina relief efforts. Artists like Robert Dunnica, have contributed unique art work that can be customized and purchased by consumers everywhere, with proceeds going to benefit Katrina victims. "Zazzle has always provided individual artists with a great platform for sharing and generating awareness," said Dunnica. "It's an honor to participate in this new program giving artists the ability to share their creations for a greater good."

Many other charities are participating in Zazzle's Community Giving Program including: Save the Children, Autism Society of America, the National Children's Leukemia Foundation, Operation Second Chance, Cure Autism Now, Friends of Steven, Mercy Ships, The LAM Foundation, Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center and The Armed Forces Foundation.

Zazzle's Community Giving Program allows charities to create a gallery of products such as stamps, cards, prints and apparel, using im-

ages that are relevant to their cause. Charities can receive up to twenty-seven percent of the net proceeds from sales from all products sold within their galleries. The donation is comprised of the ten percent typically given to participating contributors who create and sell products within Zazzle's marketplace, Zazzle's matching donation of an additional ten percent of product sales to the participating charities and seven percent for sales referred from a charity's own Web site. Zazzle handles all production, shipping and customer support and sends monthly donations to the charity. In addition to promoting unique products, a Zazzle gallery provides charities with tools like message boards and calendar functionality to help communicate with and grow their community of supporters.

## About Zazzle

Zazzle is one of the leading customized products marketplace for consumer enthusiasts to share and celebrate their interests by creating apparel, posters, cards, stamps and more. Zazzle combines on-demand manufacturing, a robust online community, the largest collection of customizable digital images and personalization tools to empower consumers to create their products.

In addition, individuals can choose to become contributors by sharing their unique creations in Zazzle's public galleries. Within these galleries, anyone can browse, comment and connect with others who share their interests. Contributors also earn royalties every time their creations are purchased by others.

For more information, please visit [www.zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com).



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ONE BEAUTIFUL PUMPKIN resting on a bed of leaves is simple and sincere. Scale this idea down as space allows: a tall pumpkin would look lovely with just a handful of leaves at the base.

## Get your home organized — no

Is your home in need of an organizational overhaul? When you organize your home, it's easier to find items, you reduce clutter, and you'll have room for what you really need. Go through a room each weekend, and you'll be enjoying an organized home in no time.

### Adult rooms

■ Empty out the entire closet. Sort clothes into "yes" and "no" piles. Anything that you haven't worn in a year or two is a "no." Items that don't fit (or that can't be tailored to fit) are also "nos." Donate any of the "nos" to a local used clothing drive.

Organize the rest with a closet organizational system that you can buy at most home-goods stores or have custom made by a closet-design company like California Closets.

■ Also purchase a portable storage closet to store out-of-season clothing and formalwear. Cover with an old sheet to prevent dust and mothballs. Stash in your basement, a spare room, or the attic. If you are short on space, many dry cleaners offer summer and winter storage for out-of-season clothing.

■ Take advantage of that space under the bed. Fill under-the-bed boxes with linens, blankets and other items.

### Kids' rooms

■ Organize toys by categories like cars, dolls or puppets, and put into clear bins. Identify boxes' contents with masking tape. Make stacks short so kids can easily

reach them.

■ Organize clothing as you do your own, hanging shirts and pants in closets, and folding T-shirts and pajamas in drawers. Make sure kids who are old enough to choose their own clothing know where and how all items are stored.

### Kitchen

■ Outfit cabinets with "storage solutions." Pull-out shelves maximize space in a deep pantry. Lazy Susans organize spices in a corner cabinet. Wire racks keep pots and pans tidy.

■ Put items near where they are used. Tablecloths should be placed near the dinner table. Pots and pans should be located near the stove. Stash cups near the refrigerator.

■ Seasonal and entertaining items aren't used on a daily basis. Store them in the back of cabinets.

■ Keep only kitchen-oriented items in the kitchen. It's the best way to prevent the build up of clutter.

■ Keep track of what's in the freezer and what you need to buy.

Mount a small magnetic board to the refrigerator to keep what's in the freezer and was frozen. Use another clipboard to keep your shopping list and weekly menu.

### Home office

■ Items that you use should be kept on top in organized fashion. A rotating can hold a stapler, pens, and other office supplies.

Papers that you refer to often like banking statements be kept in an accessible in a desk drawer. Papers you use less frequently placed in the back of a file cabinet.

■ The trash basket or shredder should go near where you open your mail. That can easily discard envelopes and junk mail.

■ Organize your home with rolling carts that have wire bins. To make it look less conspicuous, cover cart with a piece of fabric, down the middle, and tuck the top of the cart into the middle of the room.

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WOODBURY, N.Y. — The Holidays are a wonderful time to show a little extra care for a special loved one. That said, Bliss! Weddings Market, the premiere online wedding resource for brides who want to emphasize their own creativity and personal style, is offering three heart-themed stocking stuffer ideas, all under \$2.00.

The Bliss! Weddings Market Holiday heart-themed stocking stuffer ideas are:

## Heart-shape bookmark

Stylish and elegant, the Heart-shape bookmark makes a long lasting gift. Packaged within a box with a clear top and solid bottom, the bookmark is made of attractive, shiny metal and comes with a heart-shaped tag that says "Thank You." What better way to thank your loved one for your life together? Price: \$1.99.

## Chrome bottle stopper with open heart top

The Chrome Bottle Stopper with Open Heart Top is a must for holiday festivities. With its distinctive open-heart top or handle, it measures 5" long and is available in a clear-top gift box with a ribbon and tag or inside a plush velvet pouch. Price: \$1.75.

## Chrome bottle stopper with solid heart top

An elegant chrome bottle stopper measuring 4" long, the Chrome Bottle Stopper with Solid Heart Top has a solid heart shape handle or top. It is perfect for Holiday entertaining this year and next. It comes enclosed in a plush velvet pouch. Price: \$1.75.

"Our innovative gifts are available for all special moments in a

couple's life together. Anytime one wants to say 'I love you' to his or her partner, Bliss! Weddings Market has a product for them," says Cheryl Gabiola Galvez, co-founder and creative director of Bliss! Weddings Market.

Bliss! Weddings Market offers non-conventional and distinctive wedding favors and packaging without the prohibitive price tag. Unlike other wedding Web sites, Bliss! Weddings Market concentrates on a fresh and creative approach to planning that special day, while promoting their philosophy of providing the very best products for all wedding budgets. Bliss! Weddings Market encourages users to thoroughly explore the site; particularly the "Bride Ideas" section designed to jumpstart the imagination.

In addition to favors, gifts and their one-of-a-kind packaging options, Bliss! Weddings Market is also a full retail site offering stationery, envelopes, personalized labels, table décor, vases, cardholders, personalized ribbons, audio CD covers and much more.

**Bliss! Weddings market at a glance**

- Offers free online tools for planning budgets, flowers, toasts or the entire occasion.
- Provides inventive wedding favors and products for every budget.
- Features non-traditional products repurposed for trendy wedding favors and gifts.
- Provides the components brides can use to craft unique fa-

vors and presentations.

- Distinctive packaging options.

- Full wedding retailer with stationery, ribbons and tulle, craft supplies and accessories.

- Easy to use and understand Web site.

- Encourages the creative process by offering inspirational ideas and tips.

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CHROME BOTTLE STOPPER with open heart top.

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The following tips will help managers improve office communication:

- **Hold regular meetings.** Whether they're held weekly or daily, meetings are a great way to find out what's going on around the office

and learn about what assignments or events are to come. This also is a good time to talk about what goals need to be set for the office.

- **Utilize technology.** Though e-mailing, interoffice calling and paging are effective ways of keeping in touch with co-workers, new technology is taking communication to a new level.

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- **Use your listening skills.** Pay attention so that you do not miss out on important information that you may need to know or discuss with a

co-worker or client in the future.

- **Spread the word.** When you have sensitive or important matters to discuss, don't hide behind e-mails because the message can be misconstrued. To make sure you get

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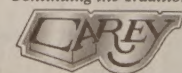
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